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Foreword

In the 1887 book *The Descendants of Robert Ware of Dedham, Massachusetts*, the entry for Nancy Ware, daughter of Jonathan Ware and Meletiah Metcalf, reads as follows:

"Nancy, June 2, 1757; d. in St. Albans, Vt. m. Feb. 1, 1781 in Wrentham, Enoch Billings of Stoughton. Removed to Vermont."

This book, the culmination of nearly 22 years of research, picks up where this entry left off over a century ago: the migration of Enoch Billings to the Vermont frontier in the years following the Revolutionary War. While Massachusetts colonial genealogies are fortunately well-documented by generations of researchers, the stories of those who departed for the frontier tend to be less complete and genealogists are often left to piece together relationships from circumstantial evidence, a difficult and time-consuming task.

Never have I come across a more vexing genealogical mystery than the identity of Maria Billings, wife of Enoch and daughter-in-law of Enoch Billings Sr. Establishing her identity with confidence was the most difficult puzzle to solve in my two decades of genealogical research and ultimately took a combination of DNA and other circumstantial evidence to finally put this mystery to rest. My research on this is documented in the descendant report on pages 37-38. While this book is broadly about the descendants of Enoch Billings Sr., the majority of information will be about my own line, the descendants of his son Enoch Jr. and wife Maria Aseltine Billings.

The Enoch Billings Jr. family is an interesting one simply because his descendants had completely left Canada within a century of their arrival. Enoch and Maria moved across the U.S. border and settled in Canada during the earliest part of "The Great Canadian Migration" in July 1817, though their persistent social connections with Alburgh, Vermont suggest they still considered themselves Americans and maintained ties to the other side of the border. In 1828, the marriage of their eldest son, John Billings, to a Catholic girl and conversion to Catholicism created a line of French-Canadian Billings descendants who remained in the country for the next 188 years.

The Anglo-Protestant descendants of Enoch Billings began departing Canada for the United States in 1852 or 1853, and had all evacuated by 1867, leaving their French cousins in the Eastern Townships of Québec. The Anglo-French Billings line developed close linguistic and cultural ties to their cousins in the Patenaude, Hebert, Allard, Langlois, Demers and related families and like most French Canadians began to do winter work in the textile mills of New England in the 1870s, gradually relocating to the United States over the next four decades. By 1907, Onésime Billings, the last male descendant of Enoch Billings Jr. still living in Canada, departed for the United States, never to return; the very last Billings's

left in Canada were his three daughters, who had been sent to live with their Robitaille relatives after the death of his wife in 1919. The last of them, Gabrielle Billings, died in December 2016 at age 97, leaving no descendants in Canada bearing the family name.

This book is the story of this migration to Canada, beginning with the events of the Revolutionary War; of their lives in Canada, from 1817-1907; and some of the events that guided their migrations during this timeframe.

The research on the earliest generations I have done almost entirely on my own, having sifted through thousands of records on microfilm, including Swanton and St. Albans town records, Vermont vital records, Roman Catholic parish registers, Québec notarial and census records, New England civil records, city directories and so forth. My research has been focused mostly on my own line, the descendants of John Billings (1806-1867), and in particular, his son Henry (1838-1908). Vital records for these lines have been sourced entirely from original documentation, mostly Québec parish registers and Vermont vital records.

For the Protestant lines, beginning with the grandchildren of Enoch and Maria, I was dependent on other researchers to fill in the blanks and establish relationships and locations from the 1850s forward. I have been able to personally corroborate most of the vital data provided by other researchers thanks to the richness of available documentation in the form of tombstones, death certificates, marriage licenses, census records and other official documentation. Where I have done my own research on these later generations and added missing information, the source is cited within the respective entries in the descendant reports. I stand by the accuracy of every bit of vital and biographical data in these pages, but encourage any researchers who find mistakes to let me know so I can update.

This book contains over one hundred mostly public-domain photographs and document images I've accumulated over the last two decades from multiple lines and numerous genealogists and family members. I have hundreds more. Researchers interested in particular lines should contact me directly at farrelljm1122@hotmail.com

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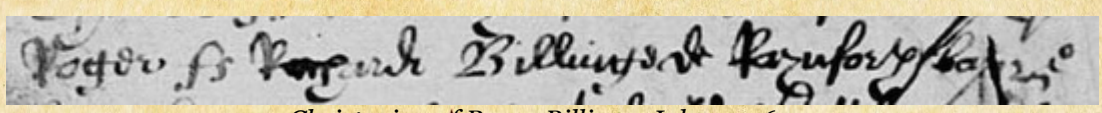
The Billings Family in the American Revolution

Massachusetts was still an English colony when Roger Billings and Susannah Wiswell of Dorchester were wed on October 25, 1753. America was not yet a nation, though itching to be one as the first rumblings of discontent were soon to be heard across the thirteen colonies— rumblings that would soon erupt into a fierce and bloody duel not only over the fate of a people, but the principles of government and the rights of all men.

In 1753, the American colonies were populated by some three million British subjects, a nation of shopkeepers, artisans, farmers and fur trappers who had an inborn distrust of authority and elitism. Their ancestors had begun arriving over a century earlier, among the hardiest and boldest of England's laboring classes, many fleeing the tumult of the English Civil War in the early seventeenth century, others disgruntled over the crown's enforcing of Anglicanism as the official religion of the English. Many an Englishman merely sought space, increasingly rare in England-- an expanse of fertile soil to plant his crops on, raise a family, and call his own.

Though he still qualified himself as an Englishman, the American colonist was ruggedly individual, with styles and tastes entirely separate from his English cousins. Though loyal to the King, years-- and generations-- of hard work and self-reliance had given the American a strong sense of justice that made him loathe those born to wealth and title by virtue of name only. Massachusetts was a particular hotbed of such sentiments, and it was here that the Billings family had lived for five generations in the townships of Dorchester and Stoughton, about twenty miles south of Boston.

A teenaged indentured servant named Roger Billings (often spelled Billing or Billinge in early documents) was the first of this line to live in the New World. He was christened July 25, 1620 in Prescot, Lancashire, England to Richard (d.1640) and Elizabeth Billings (d.1633).



Christening of Roger Billings, July 25, 1620.

Roger likely sailed to Massachusetts in 1637 with George Moxon, who was curate of St. Helen's Chapel in his native town of Prescot, and settled in Dorchester that year. Roger's siblings Ann (1622-aft.1683, later wife of John Gill) and William (1631-1713) appear to have joined him later.[1]

[1] https://www.americanancestors.org/uploadedfiles/media/the_register/nehgr-2017-spring-freearticle.pdf

Roger appears in a few early records of Massachusetts. He was admitted a member of the local Anglican church on June 19, 1640 and was made a freeman in May 1643. He married his second wife soon after, (the first having died), and became a proprietor of the town of Dorchester. On May 13, 1646, he signed a petition prohibiting Anabaptists from entering the colony. He was said to be a carpenter and a farmer.[2]

In the 1650s, Roger and his second wife Hannah made their home in the part of Dorchester that is now North Quincy. *Some Descendants of Roger Billings of Dorchester, Massachusetts* pinpoints where Roger's farmhouse was: "on the east side present East Squantum Street at the bend in the road just south of the present Quincy Shore Boulevard crossing." Some historians believe he built the house later known as Billings Tavern in present-day Milton, and that the earliest generations of Billings's in Massachusetts were born there.[3]

Billings Tavern, Milton, Massachusetts

Roger Billings was among those who, on August 10, 1665 signed a pact with local Indians acquiring the land which is now Braintree, Massachusetts. "Signed, sealed and delivered by turf and twig" ends the document, now in Braintree town hall. Indians had a custom of honoring pacts with a presentation of a piece of turf and a forest twig as symbols of surrender of the land. He also participated in a quit claim action after the death of his son-in-law, Samuel Belcher (1637-1679), who built the home that future president John Quincy Adams would be born in (1767).

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[2] https://beautifulwatergenealogy.wordpress.com/tag/billings/
[3] http://www.miltonhistoricalsociety.org/Sampler/Taverns.html

Roger's will was dated February 2, 1680, with an addition dated November 13, 1683. He died two days later at the age of sixty-three.

Grave of Roger Billings, Milton, Massachusetts.

The Roger Billings who married Susannah Wiswell in 1753 was a great-grandson of the immigrant. A locally respected citizen and a captain in the militia, he and Susannah had ten children:

1. Enoch, born October 27, 1754.
2. Jonathan, born October 29, 1756.
3. Hannah, born August 1, 1759.
4. Elizabeth, born August 24, 1761.
5. Rhoda, born March 19, 1763.
6. Jesse, born May 8, 1765.
7. Ruth, born August 14, 1767.
8. Timothy, born August 16, 1770.
9. Susannah, born June 7, 1773.
10. Sarah, born July 17, 1776.

In December 1769, Roger was left the home of his recently deceased uncle, Lieut. William Billings. According to historical research presented in *The Canton Citizen,* the farm was comprised of about 22 acres and was bounded on the

northeasterly border by the Ponkapoag Plantation line, located near present-day Dedham Street.

The house must have been modest; by 1876 the only remainder of the farmhouse was an ancient cellar hole. Old timers described the house as having a pitch roof, over two rooms on the ground floor and an unfinished attic. The doors to the house opened directly out without a hallway or intervening entryway. The description is of a simple wooden building in which life seemed to revolve around the fireplace. A crane holding hooks and trammels, broad enough to "take in a log six feet long, on the hearth stood a dye pot used to color their yarn."

Just past the Billings House was a small hill, and from the summit you would be able to see clear across the Fowl Meadows. To the extreme left and towards the south, the undulating line of the Sharon Hills … and looking towards South Dedham. In plain view was Buttermilk Plain. Down toward the great Neponset River were Purgatory, Horseshoe and Hog Swamps.[4] Roger's children were raised here, and the residence was the center of the family's existence at the time of the Revolution.

As Roger's oldest children reached adulthood, tensions between England and her colonies worsened and Americans began to feel more threatened than protected by the soldiers quartered in their cities. The provincial congress that was called in Philadelphia in 1774 squabbled over the question of rebellion while Americans began stockpiling arms as the threat of conflict loomed. Increasingly, hot-headed separatists in Boston such as Samuel and John Adams, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere and Thomas Paine agitated for a swift and decisive split from Britain, pushing for war in pamphlets, newspapers and fiery speeches. Many Americans, the Billings's of Stoughton among them, enlisted in local militias in preparation for what seemed to be an inevitable clash.

In November 1774, the Continental Congress began breaking down the old militia system, designed to protect villages from Indian attacks, and reassemble them into a unified army, whose leaders would be appointed by Philadelphia. Over the next several months, militia sergeants, captains, colonels and majors turned in their swords and were re-commissioned as army officers, answering not to local authorities but to higher officers appointed by congress. On November 17, 1774 the citizens of Stoughton, Massachusetts permanently lowered the British flag in their town center. It was a solemn, but exciting ceremony: the times were changing, as no one could any longer ignore.

The stockpiling of weapons in Massachusetts did not go unnoticed by its Royal Governor, British General Thomas Gage. Gage was an honest and fair statesman and was greatly distressed by the rising hostility of the Americans. In 1774 he had attempted to break up a rowdy town meeting in Salem but was met with an aggressive militia response from several neighboring towns. He obligingly set free

[4] https://www.thecantoncitizen.com/2012/10/10/tales-from-the-crypt/

the seven men he had ordered arrested and fled to Boston, where he sat in embarrassment with nearly four thousand troops to police the city. All the while, local militias were growing in numbers and drilling daily. A later attempt at capturing gun powder in Charlestown brought over six thousand militia who were armed to the teeth and ready to fight, prompted by false reports of bloodshed.

Gage called for reinforcements from London and planned his next move. Knowing that the militias were at their most disorganized, being still in a state of transition to the assembled army, he decided to act in April 1775. On April 19 he sent one of his commanders, Colonel Smith with his twenty-one companies (about 750 men), out to the towns of Lexington and Concord, a few miles west of Boston. Their job was to capture the rebel leaders John Hancock and Samuel Adams, who were staying in Concord, and the weapons stockpiled in both towns. Smith sent an advance group of six companies of light infantry under Major Pitcairn to secure the bridges at Concord. The major and his men marched on to Lexington where they were met, much to their surprise and dismay, with a colonial militia force of about seventy. They had been tipped off by spies as to the movements of the British and stood before the town green. Their leader, Capt. John Parker, is said to have given an ominous and prophetic order: "Steady men. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if its war they want... then let it begin here."

The British commander, with a force of about 400 to back him up, orders the militia to disperse, and shouted taunts and insults were exchanged between the two forces. The militia, being hopelessly outnumbered and not soldiers to begin with, began to disperse. As Maj. Pitcairn attempts to curb his men's hostility, a shot was fired. Immediately, both forces blasted each other with gunfire, and when the smoke cleared eight Americans were dead and ten wounded. A British horse and one infantryman were slightly wounded. The British withdrew to Concord where, much to their surprise they met no resistance. They seized what munitions they could find, though most had already been carted away. Meanwhile, the word of bloodshed in Lexington had already been sent out by courier throughout Massachusetts and its neighboring states.

April 19, 1775 was lecture day in Stoughton, and Parson Dunbar was exhorting his people and preparing them for the next Sunday's service, when suddenly the door to the meeting hall swung open was thrown open and a young man named Henry Bailey marched up the broad aisle and said there was an alarm. In an instant, all was confusion. A small boy, Lemuel Bent, seized the bell rope and soon the jangle reached of the neighboring farmers. Bailey conversed for a moment with Capt. James Endicott, before the captain instructed him, "Take my colt that is fastened outside, ride through the town, and warn the company to meet at May's Tavern with arms and ammunition ready to march to Boston at a moment's notice."

Captain Endicott returned home, obtained his announcements, and started down the road to Boston, leaving his company to follow as they could be collected. Roger Billings, along with his sons Enoch and Jonathan, had heard the fateful

bell ring in town and had gathered their own rifles, shot, and powder and set out for May's Tavern, where the militia met and drilled. Virtually the entire Billings clan would be drawn into the ensuing conflict, most re-enlisting multiple times when their terms of service ended. Roger, three of his sons, five of his brothers and several nephews, ranging in age from fourteen to fifty, would all serve in Washington's army over the course of the war.

Shortly after the assembled infantry set out for the shore, marching in formation as they had drilled for months, pushing on to the rumbling of the drums and the whistling of the fife played by Enoch Billings, who served throughout the Revolution as a musician. According to an account of Endicott's son, John who set out after the militia with a supply of food, the Stoughton militia had marched to Cambridge, just outside of Boston, and camped at Prospect Hill.[5]

At Concord, the British realized that the seeming non-response of the militia was a trick: the combined Concord, Acton, Lincoln and Bedford militias had assembled in the country outside of town and suddenly attacked, charging downhill to take the north bridge. The British regulars opened fire, killing two men; the colonists were aggressive and killed three British, wounding nine. The fighting does not continue for long, as Capt. Smith receives word that other militias from surrounding towns were marching towards them, numbering in the thousands. Smith ordered his men to withdraw and retreat to the safety of Boston.

But for the British, the worst was yet to come. As they marched down the wooded country roads of eastern Massachusetts, the colonial militia began to catch up. The Americans arrive by the hundreds, then by the thousands, forming a "bloody chute"—a gauntlet through which the tired regulars were forced to march, easy targets for American snipers fighting like Indians from the surrounding forests. A British soldier said of the retreat: "We were fired on from houses and behind trees… the country was… full of hills, woods, stone walls… which the rebels did not fail to take advantage of…"[6] From Concord on, "Every hour increased their numbers or brought the men from distant towns nearer to the line of British retreat."[7]

The numbers of regulars marching dwindled as they passed through Miriam's Corner, Lincoln, Lexington and Menotomy. Shaken to the breaking point as they fell to sniper fire one by one, the regulars began to break ranks and fled down the shortest path to Charlestown instead of Boston, thwarting a plan by American General William Heath to confront them at Cambridge (where the Stoughton militia was stationed). In all the British suffered nearly 250 killed or wounded and 26 missing. The Americans suffered 93 deaths, out of over 3,500 involved in the combat.

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[5] *History of the Town of Canton, Vol. 9*
[6] *Redcoats and Rebels: The American Revolution Through British Eyes* by Christopher Hibbert
[7] *The Day of Concord and Lexington, the Nineteenth of April 1775* by Allen French.

Gen. William Heath (1737-1814) and Col. John Greaton (1741-1783) under whose command Pvt. Enoch Billings served during the Revolutionary War.

Under the leadership of Generals Heath, Ward and Thomas, the militia forces assembled at Cambridge and Roxbury and set up to surround Boston and hold the British there. Roger and his sons stayed there during the first tumultuous week following the events of April 19. On April 25, with his farm and family to tend to, Roger left the front and returned to Stoughton.[8] His eldest sons however, Enoch, age twenty and Jonathan, eighteen, re-enlisted at Stoughton under Col. William Bent in Capt. John Greaton's regiment. Soon after the Billings boys were back in Cambridge to rejoin the siege.

According to his pension application, Enoch's sole occupation during the war was as a musician. Marching and drilling depended heavily on rhythm, and each company (a unit of about ninety men) had one drummer and one fifer, who were positioned at the right flank of the first platoon (very near the front of the company and thus an easy target for an opposing force) when the unit marched. They also sounded the signals of the day when the army camped, playing reveille or taptoe among other pieces to call the soldiers together for meal time, signaled the sending out of fatigue parties, church services, the order to strike the tents as well as regulating marching speed and calling the start or halt of a march. For their service musicians were paid seven and one-third dollars per month by the congress. Until 1781, men enlisting as musicians were exempt from soldierly duties, so Enoch may not have carried a rifle.

At Philadelphia, the members of congress were greatly distressed at the recent events, but by now convinced they had to create a war front against the British. They voted to organize the continental army and named George Washington of Virginia its commander-in-chief on June 22, 1775. He was dispatched immediately to Boston to address the situation there.

[8] He would later re-enlist in March 1776 and serve until April 1778.

Washington arrived at the rebel encampment at Cambridge on July 2 with a massive problem on his hands. They British were still quarantined within the city, but the logistical problems involving the very construction and sustaining of a regular army were enormous. The "army" was still mostly untrained farmers in plainclothes wielding muskets, not soldiers, and they were abandoning the siege to return home in large numbers. The fighting forces were pitifully under-supplied with food, clothing, powder and weapons and had no heavy artillery at all. Though he had nearly seventeen thousand "troops" at his command, Washington feared he'd not be able to defeat the British with such poor organization and discipline. He lamented the gross lack of supplies; he had but thirty-two barrels of gun powder to work with. Congress, lacking supplies or funds considered arming the men with pikes in lieu of bayonets and bows and arrows due to the lack of powder and shot.

After the battle of Bunker Hill in June were months of static confrontations, with the two sides occasionally clashing on patrol or when American work parties came close to British lines. Occasional cannon fire by the British was ineffectual. The Americans had built earthworks in the hills around Boston and entrenched themselves there. On July 11, Col. Greaton ordered a raid on Long Island in Boston Harbor—the island was home to a lighthouse held as an outpost by the British. Enoch Billings may have been part of the raid, as it was his regiment that took part. It was apparently unsuccessful.

The months of stalemate in Boston dwindled on as Washington and the congress struggled to organize the new army and simultaneously attempt to find peace with Britain. The latter was unsuccessful, so in November, 1775, congress voted to order Washington to end the stalemate at Boston "notwithstanding the town and property be destroyed." Upon receiving his orders by courier in December, Washington ordered one of his officers, a young, energetic artillery expert named Henry Knox, to retrieve the weapons confiscated by Gen. Benedict Arnold at Fort Ticonderoga in New York.

Winter was in full force and it took Knox until late February to drag the seized cannons three hundred miles back from New York over snow-covered mountains and through slushy valleys by ox-drawn carts. They arrived on March 3, 1776 at Dorchester Heights on the south side of Boston, and immediately Washington orders the fifty-nine cannons to be set up overnight by two thousand men (among them, Enoch's brother, Jonathan). As a diversion, Washington orders troops to fire at Boston from the west.

Amazingly, the cannons fortifications were completed in a few hours atop the ridge. British General Howe awoke the next morning, and peering through his looking glass at the ridge, was horrified to see artillery had been set up. He is said to have commented "the rebels have done more in one night than my whole army could do in months."[9]

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[9] https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/sir-william-howe-man-who-could-not-quell-rebellion

The cannons began booming that morning, sending a hail of lead raining down on Boston. Having nothing to retort with, Howe sent a message to Washington: if he would allow them to evacuate peacefully to their ships, Howe would not set Boston to torch on the way out. Washington accepted, and the British began evacuation on March 10. One week later, they sailed out of Boston Harbor, bound for British-held Nova Scotia.

When the colonial militia marched into the liberated city a few hours later, they were welcomed with jubilation by the citizens, who had been held captive for nearly a year. Victory was celebrated in the streets of Boston on March 17 as the defeated British sailed away, nursing wounded bodies and egos.

Washington, however, wasted no time. He suspected that, having lost Boston, the British would next move to take New York City to cut off rebellious New England from the rest of the colonies. On March 18 he sent General Heath with the 24th, 25th, and 15th, (Private Enoch Billings was in the 24th) Massachusetts regiments along with soldiers from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland and a portion of artillery southwest to New York City. They arrived on March 30 and immediately set about digging trenches and building fortifications for the defense of the city. Having secured Boston and sent much of the local militia home, Washington himself arrived two weeks later, on April 14 to oversee fortifications and plan his next move.

The Continental Congress too was wary of a British regrouping and moved rapidly to defend New England. The day after Washington arrived in New York congress ordered reinforcements sent to Canada. In late 1775 General Richard Montgomery had been killed in a failed attempt to capture Québec City and close off the back door to New England—an invasion route the British already had plans to take advantage of.

By early 1776 Montgomery's troops had been beaten back, but still surrounded the city, and congress considered it a priority to capture the St. Lawrence River and defend it against a possible invasion.

On April 21, 1776 the selected regiments, including the 24th, were reassigned to Gen. William Thompson and sailed in sloops up the Hudson River to Albany, New York, where they camped in preparation for their trip to Canada. Enoch Billings's enlistment had expired the previous December while he was still at Cambridge, but since the British still occupied Boston, he had re-enlisted for one year to continue aiding in the fight. His younger brother, Jonathan, had done likewise, and would fight in the decisive Battle of Saratoga in 1777, and on to the end of the war.

The Canada invasion would end up being a major blunder. Unbeknownst to Gen. Thompson and his men, on May 7, rebel lookouts in the hills overlooking the thawing St. Lawrence river near Québec City noticed the faint silhouette of warships on the horizon—several British ships, fresh from London and

commanded by Gen. John "Gentleman Johnny" Burgoyne had arrived at the mouth of the St. Lawrence.

There were, it was reliably reported, seven Irish regiments, one English regiment and two thousand German mercenaries. And this was only the beginning. Emboldened by his reinforcements, Guy Carleton, British commander at Québec, began to drive back the rebel forces that had held him prisoner inside the city. Disorganized, poorly clothed and starving, the men slowly made their way back to the American fort at St. John. The attempted capture of Canada was all but over.

Enoch Billings arrived at Fort St. John, Canada, with the 24th Massachusetts in mid-May 1776 and faced what was probably his most horrific experience of the war. Soon after their arrival, the reinforcements from New York noticed they had the chills, headache, nausea and joint pain that characterized the first stages of smallpox. Most of the underfed, under-clothed men in the fort had already been ravaged by the disease since the winter, and were not ready for the suffering they were to endure.

When additional reinforcements under Gen. John Sullivan arrived on May 31, they too were incapacitated by the smallpox epidemic. Gen. John Thomas, a former physician who had been in charge of the siege of Québec for only a few weeks died of the disease on June 2. With Burgoyne arrived at Québec, the attempt to seize Canada was declared a lost cause and the rebels began evacuating. Flattened by the hundreds, the sick had to be carried on makeshift stretchers, the pus oozing from the red, blistering sores of the infected.

They retreated up the Richelieu River to Ile-aux-Noix, near the river's beginning at Lake Champlain. Ile-aux-Noix was an island, low and flat and about a mile long and a quarter mile wide, with a small deserted farm in the middle, the surrounding land being largely swamp. Much to the dismay of the retreating army of some eight thousand, tired, hungry men, it was infested with disease-carrying mosquitoes. Nearly a quarter of them were already sick or dying. It rained almost continuously and there were not enough tents. Malaria and dysentery conspired with smallpox to make their lives miserable. Thousands of men were vomiting and defecating everywhere. Enormous pits had to be dug to bury the putrid corpses, a dozen or more at a time.

To make matters, worse, the British were still close behind and gaining fast. As soon as enough boats could be gathered, the remnants of the army pushed off for Crown Point at the other end of the lake. According to eyewitness accounts, Gen. Benedict Arnold, enraged over his failure months earlier to take Québec via a daring trek through the Maine wilderness, dismounted, drew his pistol and shot his horse. He jumped in the last boat to push off, vowing to return. On July 1, just three days before congress voted to adopt the Declaration of Independence, the broken, withered colonial soldiers arrived at the rebel fort at Crown Point at the southern end of Lake Champlain.

On July 7, Maj. Gen. Philip Schuyler, commander of the Northern Department convened a council of war at Crown Point to assess the situation they were about to face with the advancing British. In attendance were Gen. Horatio Gates, newly appointed commander of the non-existent Canadian Department, and Brig. Gen. Benedict Arnold. Lake Champlain, they determined, could not be lost—were the British to control the lake they could cut the colonies in two, which would be a strategic mess for the Americans. They could easily control New York City and all its resources, and from there could easily assault Philadelphia, where congress met. The council decided to abandon Crown Point in favor of a more defensible position at Fort Ticonderoga. The modest flotilla of small, wooden ships currently defending the lake was not enough. Plans were set in motion immediately to augment the fleet by constructing several warships. Arnold, the boldest, ablest commander under fire, was put in charge.

After nearly a month's rest, on July 20, Enoch Billings and the rest of the battered 24th regiment were assigned to Benedict Arnold's Brigade, just as Arnold was preparing for an impending naval battle for control of Lake Champlain. The soldiers spent the next three months building ships at Skenesborough, New York, facing shortages of everything from nails, food, guns, experienced ship builders, and most importantly, men with seafaring experience to man the vessels. Slowly, Arnold managed to assemble skilled ship builders from New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. For sailors, Arnold was forced to draft three hundred men, primarily from two New Hampshire regiments. The British, fortunately for Arnold, had been informed that he had set about building a naval force, and decided to hold back to build one themselves, reinforcing their already formidable fleet and inadvertently buying the Americans just enough time to build their own.

In early October, Arnold was ready with a fleet of sixteen ships, still severely outnumbered and outgunned by the British fleet of twenty-nine warships and twenty-four unarmed longboats carrying provisions and equipment. The fiercest of their fleet was the *Thunderer*, armed with six twenty-four-pound guns, six twelve-pounders, and two howitzers. That alone outgunned anything the American fleet had.

The two fleets met near Valcour Island in Lake Champlain on October 11, 1776. As any reasonable observer might have predicted, the American fleet was trashed, with three boats suffering heavy damage, one eventually sunk. As dusk set, the British withdrew to a position south of the American fleet, blocking their retreat to Ticonderoga. Confident that dawn would bring a victorious end to the battle, the British turned in for the night.[10]

In perhaps the most daring stunt of his career, Arnold decided to make a run *through* the British fleet. Aided by a thick fog and under the cover of night, the

[10] The 24th regiment does not seem to have taken part in the battle of Valcour Island, but was more likely left to help defend Fort Ticonderoga.

American fleet passed silently, single-file between the British warships. The sailors had wrapped the oars with their own shirts to prevent any noise. At times, they were close enough to hear voices from within the ships, but dared not to make a peep themselves.

The British were dismayed the next morning to find the American fleet had disappeared, and quickly gave chase, obliterating the *Congress* and the *Washington* Arnold's two strongest ships on October 13. Arnold took the rest of his fleet, ran it aground at Buttonmould Bay, ordered the ships stripped of anything of value and burned them, the "Don't Tread on Me" flag's still waving defiantly. Arnold and his men then marched to the abandoned fortifications at Crown Point, where they burned everything to prevent the British from using it; carrying the wounded in tattered and bullet-ridden sails, he retreated to the temporary safety of Fort Ticonderoga.

Carleton and the British arrived at Crown Point on October 20. Snow was already falling. Shaken by the unexpectedly fierce resistance, he decided to return to Canada for the winter, unaware that he had bought the Americans the precious time they needed to build up the resources they would later use at Saratoga, New York the following year to soundly defeat the British.

As the end of 1776 approached, so too did Enoch Billings's enlistment. Near the end of October, Washington (who was stationed at White Plains) sent General William Heath to Peekskill, New York with three thousand men to guard the entrance to the Highlands. Enoch reported in his own service records years later that his enlistment expired while he was stationed at Peekskill. Another winter had arrived, and during winters, armies did not campaign. Instead, the time was spent building fortifications, acquiring supplies, drilling, and trying to keep warm.

On December 31, twenty-two-year-old Enoch Billings's enlistment expired; the next day, with Massachusetts secure from British aggression, he set out from Peekskill, probably with several other soldiers from his regiment whose enlistments also expired, and began the two-hundred-mile journey home to Stoughton.

According to historians of Stoughton, Massachusetts, Enoch Billings had served as a fifer in Capt. William Brent's company, Greaton regiment in a muster roll dated August 1, 1775, serving for 3 months and twelves days from April 27, 1775, and served as drummer in Capt. Bent's Company, Col. Heath's regiment, listed in a return October 5, 1775. After his re-enlistment, he appeared again as a fifer in Capt. Robert Swan's company, Col. Benjamin Gill's regiment and marched to Bristol, Rhode Island on April 18, 1777, serving for twenty-four days. This final stint in the spring of 1777 appears to have closed out Enoch's Revolutionary War service.[11]

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[11] http://www.stoughtonhistory.com/STORW-B.htm

After the War

Enoch would report in his pension application in July 1818 that he served as a musician in the army in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Sorel, Montreal and St. John's in Canada, and was discharged at Peekskill, New York. He also stated he fought in no battles, probably due to his status as a musician. Given the events that took place during the time and place he served, he certainly was not bored during his year and a half of service to the American cause. His younger brother, Jonathan went on to fight at the decisive battle of Saratoga, where John Burgoyne's army was soundly defeated by the American forces, ending the battle in the northern colonies. Another brother, Jesse, would enlist at age fourteen and go on to serve until the end of the war, which came with Washington's victory over Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia in October 1781. Thus, was a nation born, tempered by a bloody struggle for its right to choose its own destiny, and created by a people hardy enough to face down the most daunting odds.

Enoch Billings remained home in Massachusetts for the remainder of the war, working as a blacksmith in his native Stoughton. At the Episcopal Church in nearby Wrentham on February 1, 1781, he wed Nancy Ware of Foxboro and moved to the town Franklin, where the births of his first two children were recorded in the town books.

The births of his children were as follows:

1. Nancy, born October 24, 1782.
2. Enoch, born January 31, 1785.
3. Betsey, born March 12, 1790.
4. Eleanor, born October 26, 1792.
5. Lewis, born February 18, 1795.
6. Martha, born January 1797.
7. Philomela, born January 26, 1799.[12]

Enoch would follow the push that the young nation was taking away from heavily populated towns and cities on the east coast and move to the green expanses of the American frontier, to blossoming settlements where a tradesman might face less competition, have a larger plot of land and establish himself with fewer restrictions. Recalling the wilderness of Vermont and Canada during his service, Enoch Billings left Massachusetts for good in the late 1780s and joined a wave of New Englanders who migrated into the frontier following the Revolution. By 1791 he had settled in Hartford, Vermont, though he may not have remained long, as he was never recorded purchasing land in the town records.

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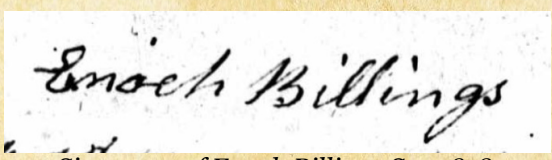
[12] As transcribed in *The Genealogy of Luther Loomis Dutcher, as Far as Can be Ascertained, on the Paternal Line* by Luther Loomis Dutcher. New York Public Library Archives. Dutcher incorrectly gave the dates of birth for Nancy and Enoch as Oct. 24, 1783 and Jan. 31, 1786 respectively, so its possible other dates are off by a year or so; other sources for Lewis suggest his birth occurred in February 1794, for example. But this is the only complete list for the births of Enoch Sr.'s children, and for most of them, remains the most authoritative source.

While in Hartford, Enoch entered his younger brother-in-law, Cyrus Ware, into a blacksmithing apprenticeship. According to his biographers, Cyrus moved "somewhere near the age of fourteen" to "Hartford, Vermont to learn the blacksmith's trade in the shop of a Mr. Billings, who was married to his sister." It continues "in the shop he worked faithfully at the trade till he was twenty-one; and then, with no other education... he soon went to studying law with once well-known Hon. Charles Marsh of Woodstock." He later opened a legal practice in Montpelier, Vt. in 1799.[13]

Ware was elected to represent Montpelier in the Vermont General Assembly in 1805, winning four re-elections. He was made chief Judge of Caledonia County Court in 1808, a position he held for decades. According to his gravestone in Montpelier, Ware's efforts were central to the small city's selection as the capital of Vermont by the State Assembly.

Within a few years, the Billings's continued their northward migration, settling in the fledgling town of Swanton, near the Canadian border, where Enoch began appearing in town records in 1798. Enoch Billings bought lot 144 in Swanton from James McClure on September 29, 1798 and sold it to Jacob Jackson on July 1, 1802.



Signature of Enoch Billings Sr., 1818.

The following year, Enoch was recorded in a tax payer's census owning two cows and one horse, (value totaling $46.50), but no land or oxen. Over the next four years he would steadily acquire more livestock, eventually valuing over $87.

On September 10, 1799 the Swanton deed book recorded Enoch Billings leased via indenture another lot from Silas Hathaway (lot 129, 30 acres), who evidently sold his interest to William Farwell; Enoch later bought this same lot from Farwell on November 6, 1802 and sold it to Bushnell B. Downs on April 5, 1803, when he moved across the river to Highgate, then a tiny village on the Canadian border.

Riding to the state capitol at Montpelier on September 9, 1809, "Enoch Billings of Highgate" petitioned for the right to run a ferry across Lake Champlain. He stated that his house was on the shores of Missisquoi Bay and on the direct and nearest road passing through Hog Island to Alburgh, Vermont and Canada. The state granted him permission on October 26, 1809.

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[13] warefamilies.org. This clearly refers to Enoch Billings; the book *Ware Genealogy: Robert Ware of Dedham Mass. and His Lineal Descendants* explicitly says it was.

CHAPTER XVII.

AN ACT *granting to Enoch Billings the exclusive right of keeping a ferry across Missisque bay.*

Where exactly Enoch lived isn't clear. "The direct and nearest road passing through Hog Island to Alburgh, Vermont" is modern-day Route 78. If he lived on this road, but also on the shores of Missisquoi Bay in Highgate, he must have lived near the mouth of the Missisquoi River, where Highgate borders Hog Island.

Enoch and family lived a fairly quiet, modest life in sparsely populated Vermont, tending to their livestock and ferrying the occasional traveler across the lake to Canada. He remained largely absent from the record books for the remainder of his life, aside from a few odd mentions: Enoch Billings was in a (very large) list of tax delinquent land owners from Swanton in the *Vergennes Gazette* on March 26, 1801. He owed $1.17. And he was listed in the service of the Vermont militia rolls of 1808 where he reprised his role as a musician under a Capt. Hopkins.[14]

Enoch remained a citizen of Highgate for most of the next ten years, though appearing on a list of voters for a representative to the state congress in nearby St. Albans, Vermont in 1808 and 1814. On July 11, 1818, the 63-year-old applied for a Revolutionary War pension in Highgate, stating that his only valuable possessions were "one old bureau, worth one dollar and fifty cents, one old table and one old looking glass, (worth) one dollar," Further stating that "I am by occupation a blacksmith, I am able to do a little labor, perhaps as much as men general of my age, I have no family but my wife Nancy, aged 63 years, not able to do a great deal of labor." His pension was granted and he enjoyed its modest supplement to his income.

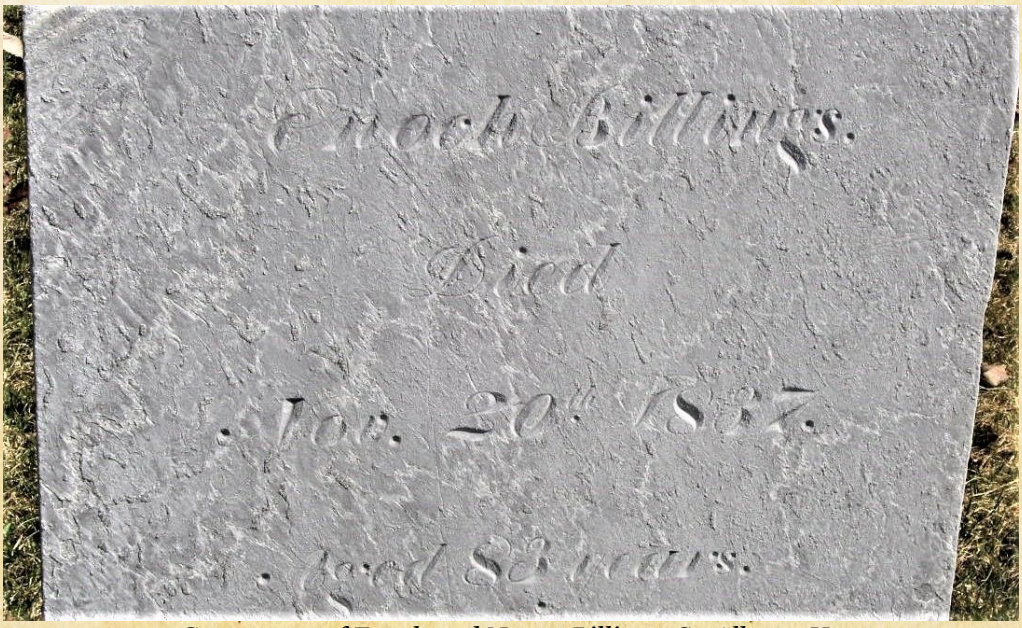
By this time, Enoch and Nancy's children had likely become well-established on their own, though exactly what happened to all of them isn't clear. St. Albans town records show Nancy married Daniel Dutcher April 12, 1801 and Nellie married Heman Greene on February 25, 1812; Enoch and Lewis Billings removed across the border to Canada in July 1817; Philomela moved to Vienna (now Phelps), New York where she married Rev. Joseph Merrill in 1828. Martha's fate is entirely unknown.

Vermont vital records show there was a Betsey Billings who married Amos Jordan on August 3, 1813 in Windsor, Vermont and had one child, Danforth Jordan on August 8, 1816. This Betsey was widowed shortly thereafter and remarried Dr. Frederick Richardson of Waitsfield, Vermont on August 23, 1829. According to her tombstone in Waitsfield's Common Cemetery, she died May 24,

[14] Warrant number 55-216045, Bounty Land Warrants Applications Index. https://www.fold3.com/page/641172127_enoch_billings_musician/details/

1853 at age 56. If this age is correct, she would seem to be about seven years younger than Betsey, the daughter of Enoch and Nancy Billings, and only sixteen years of age when she married her first husband. It is possible she is the same Betsey Billings, but no evidence has surfaced that would suggest such a connection.

Enoch and Nancy Billings survived the horrors of the lung fever epidemic that struck Burlington in 1812 and progressed to St. Albans by the spring of 1813, killing many of their in-laws, both young and old, in the Christopher Dutcher family. The premature widowing of their daughter, Nancy Dutcher, in March 1819 led Enoch and Nancy Billings to move to her home in St. Albans to help her raise her young children. Enoch died there on October 20, 1837, a week before his eighty-third birthday; Nancy followed him on April 5, 1843 at age eighty-five. They were buried in Greenwood Cemetery near the town center.[15]



Gravestone of Enoch and Nancy Billings, St. Albans, Vt.

[15] Enoch died in St. Albans on Oct. 20, 1837 according to his obituary in the Nov. 15, 1837 issue of the *Vermont Telegraph*. His Revolutionary pension records claim he died Oct. 21, 1837 and his grave stone gives Nov. 20, 1837. Being the earliest record, the obituary is likely to be the most accurate. Nancy's obituary in the *Universalist Watchman* (Montpelier, VT) on May 20, 1843 states: "In St. Albans on the 5th ult. very suddenly, Mrs. Nancy Billings, widow of the late Mr. Enoch Billings, aged 86 years."

Family Group Sheet of Enoch Billings Sr.

1. Enoch Billings, son of **Roger Billings** and **Susannah Wiswell,** was born on October 27, 1754 in Stoughton, Massachusetts, died on October 20, 1837 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Enoch married **Nancy Ware,** daughter of **Jonathan Ware** and **Meletiah Metcalf,** on February 1, 1781 in Wrentham, Massachusetts. Nancy was born on June 2, 1757 in Wrentham, Massachusetts, died on April 5, 1843 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Children from this marriage were:

2 F i. **Nancy Billings** was born on October 24, 1782 in Franklin, Massachusetts, died on March 22, 1863 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

3 M ii. **Enoch Billings Jr.** was born on January 31, 1785 in Franklin, Massachusetts, died in April 1870 in Westville, New York, and was likely buried in Coal Hill Cemetery, Westville, NY.

4 F iii. **Betsey Billings** was born on March 12, 1790 in Hartford, Vermont.

5 F iv. **Eleanor Billings** was born on October 26, 1792 in Hartford, Vermont, died on November 1, 1872 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

6 M v. **Lewis Billings** was born on February 18, 1795 in Vermont, died on January 21, 1883 in St-George-de-Clarenceville, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada.

7 F vi. **Martha Billings** was born in January 1797 in Vermont.

8 F vii. **Philomela Billings** was born on January 26, 1799 in Swanton, Vermont, died on March 31, 1890 in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

Family Group Sheet of Nancy Billings Dutcher

1. Nancy Billings, daughter of **Enoch Billings** and **Nancy Ware,** was born on October 24, 1782 in Franklin, Massachusetts, died on March 22, 1863 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was consumption.

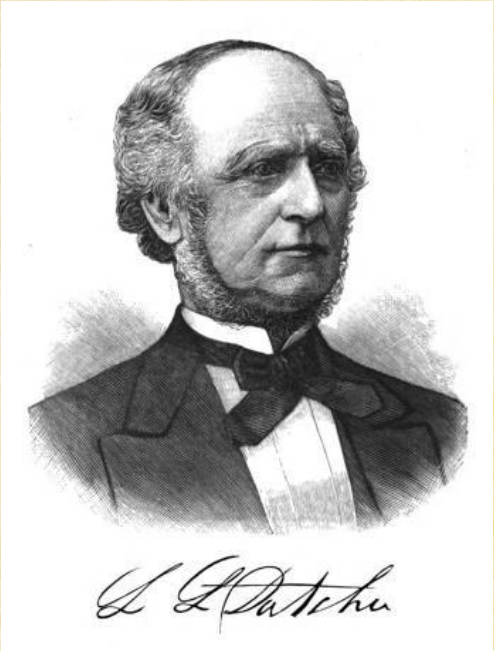
Nancy married **Daniel Dutcher,** son of **Christopher Dutcher** and **Rosannah Holcomb,** on April 12, 1801 in St. Albans, Vermont. Daniel was born on November 20, 1780, probably in Sheffield, Massachusetts, died on March 26, 1819 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

There is no record of Daniel Dutcher's birth in Sheffield, Mass. but his father and grandfather lived there around the time of his birth and indeed years earlier. His mother was also native to Sheffield and his parents likely married there, though again there is no record found. His father apparently removed to Vermont in 1782, settling in St. Albans in 1790. Daniel Dutcher fought in the battle of Plattsburgh during the War of 1812. His date of birth and all other family data can be found in the book *Dutcher Family: Our Colonial Ancestors and Their Descendants* by Henry Whittemore.

His tombstone reads: "In memory of DANIEL DUTCHER Esq. an active and zealous member of the Methodist Church who died March 26, 1819, comforted and sustained by that gospel whose doctrines he had endeavored to adorn: aged 39 years."

Nancy's date of birth appears in the civil records of Franklin, Massachusetts. Their marriage date comes from the town record book of St. Albans, Vt; death dates from their tombstones in Greenwood Cemetery.

Children from this marriage were:



2 M i. **Luther Loomis Dutcher** was born on July 31, 1802 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on September 18, 1878 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

DUTCHER, LUTHER LOOMIS, son of Daniel and Nancy (Billings) Dutcher, was born in St. Albans, July 31, 1802. The family originally came from Connecticut and settled first at St. Albans Bay, but soon after purchased a farm, built a tannery, and conducted a general boot and shoe manufactory on Dutcher Brook.

Luther's educational advantages were limited to the district school and two or three terms at the St. Albans Academy. Through the advice and influence of his uncle, James Clark Dutcher, an alumnus of the University of Vermont, lie commenced a course of study with a view to a more liberal education, but the sudden and premature death of his father caused him to reluctantly abandon his cherished hopes, and soon after he accepted a favorable offer from Dr. G. D. Harmon, of Burlington, a physician in active practice and a dealer in drugs.

He was much interested in the study of materia medica and read the various text books on that subject. At the termination of his engagement he returned to St. Albans and engaged in the general mercantile business. This he continued until 1835, when he formed a partnership with Hon. Lawrence Brainerd, and for five years the firm transacted a general produce trade and was extensively engaged in lumbering in Canada. In 1840 this co-partnership expired by limitation and Mr. Dutcher engaged in business on his own account, having purchased the building now occupied by his children.

He included in this stock the general line usually kept in country stores, but soon after he turned his attention exclusively to drugs. This was the only drug store between Burlington and St. Johns. In 1851 his eldest son was admitted a partner and a few years after a second son was added to the firm, which continued until dissolved by the death of the head. The firm was interested as proprietors or partners in stores in St. Albans, in Swanton, and in Richford.

Mr. Dutcher married Miss Almira Brainerd, a sister of Hon. Lawrence Brainerd, a most estimable woman, beloved and respected by all who knew her. Her death occurred in August, 1841. His second marriage was to Miss Caroline S. Webb in 1844. She died June 29, 1881, much respected.

In 1826 he united with the First Congregational church and in 1842 was elected one of its deacons, which office he retained to the time of his death. He was clerk of the church for thirty-six years, was choir leader, teacher, and superintendent of Sabbath school, and represented the church in councils and in general convention. Rev. Charles Van Norden, his pastor, in his memorial sermon said of him: "So great talent devoted to Christ with so generous a love and consuming itself with such fidelity and zeal few churches have at their command, and the like the church may never see again. As his pastor and friend, I honor and love him. Never have I known a brother in Christ to stamp his own individuality upon a Christian church as he did, and yet never have I seen a useful public servant of the Master so little dictatorial and so ready to yield to the will of the majority, so loyal to defer to the rights of the pastor."

He possessed a more than ordinary literary ability. In an obituary notice of him it was said: "He might have been known in literature if he had not been so much engrossed in business." He contributed largely to the local press with occasional articles in metropolitan journals. He was an honored member of the Vermont Historical Society and one of its officers, and contributed many essays and valuable historical papers to that body. The history of St. Albans with numerous biographical sketches, the history of the First Congregational church, and numerous papers and addresses bear witness to this fact. He was a corresponding member of several historical societies, and was an honorary member of the Vermont Pharmaceutical Society. The University of Vermont conferred the honorary degree of A. M. upon him without his knowledge or solicitation. Mr. Dutcher was of a retiring disposition. He never sought public office, and whenever a nomination was tendered him by his party, he invariably declined it. He was twice appointed postmaster of the town, which office he retained for several years. He was a man of indomitable energy and perseverance. His integrity was never questioned.

He died September 18, 1878. The church of which he was a member passed the following resolution regarding his death:

"WHEREAS, In the providence of God our beloved brother and father, Deacon L. L. Dutcher, has been removed from us to his,rest; therefore be it "Resolved, That we as a church are keenly sensible of our great loss and hereby recognize our indebtedness for fifty years of devoted service. We mourn the loss of one who was never discouraged, never made excuse when the call of duty came, and spared neither time, strength, nor energy in the services of his Master. We return humble and hearty thanks to our Heavenly Father that so great talent and zeal should have been placed at our disposal, and we pray that the mantle of Brother

Dutcher's energy and devotedness may descend upon the younger members of our communion now called to occupy his post."

--From *History of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, Vermont* by Lewis Cass Aldrich, 1891.

Luther married **Almira Brainerd** on February 24, 1827 in St. Albans, Vermont. Almira was born in 1807, died on August 14, 1841 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Luther next married **Caroline S. Webb**. Caroline died on June 29, 1881 in St. Albans, Vermont.

3 F ii. **Caroline Dutcher** was born on October 8, 1804 in St. Albans, Vermont and died in 1854.

Caroline married **Charles Church**.

4 F iii. **Rosanna Dutcher** was born on May 28, 1811 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on August 22, 1812 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

5 F iv. **Nancy R. Dutcher** was born on December 12, 1813 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on October 30, 1815 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

6 F v. **Amanda Dutcher** was born on July 5, 1816 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on July 21, 1816 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

7 F vi. **Mary Dutcher** was born on October 24, 1817 in St. Albans, Vermont and died in 1836.

Mary married **Samuel Smith**.

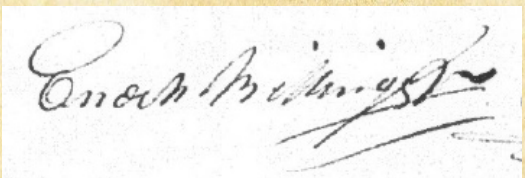
Descendants of Enoch Billings Jr.

First Generation

1. Enoch Billings Jr. son of **Enoch Billings** and **Nancy Ware,** was born on January 31, 1785 in Franklin, Massachusetts, died in April 1870 in Westville, New York, and was likely buried in Coal Hill Cemetery, Westville, NY. The cause of his death was consumption.

Enoch Billings Jr., moved with his family to rural Vermont shortly after his birth, his parents settling in Swanton, and later Highgate, Vermont.

A few general statements could be made about Enoch and his family: they were highly opportunity-oriented and always gravitated toward the frontier; they were heavily involved in the Canadian timber industry; they likely remained American citizens despite living in Canada more than 40 years and spent much of their time in Alburgh, Vermont; and they were religiously flexible, having reportedly adhered to a number of different Christian denominations in the 19th century.



Enoch Billings Jr. Signature, 1818.

Enoch Jr. had continued the push north well before his father died in 1837. Records were rare in the Vermont frontier, but Enoch most likely moved with his parents to Highgate in April 1803 (he would have been eighteen) where his father built a house on Lake Champlain. Enoch settled in Swanton by 1810, when he appears with his wife, Maria and three young children in the U.S. census. No record exists of their marriage, as Episcopal parish records were not yet established in Franklin County and most religious ceremonies were often held informally in homes and meeting houses.

On April 8, 1816, Enoch sold his forty acres in Swanton to his wife's uncle, Peter Stalker, and auctioned off his livestock. He remained in Swanton for another year, finally removing to Canada with his brother Lewis on July 29, 1817, where they each leased property in the seignory of Noyan.

The seigneurial system was an institutional form of land distribution established in New France in 1627 and officially abolished in 1854. Eighty percent of the population lived in rural areas governed by this system of land distribution and occupation. In principle, the *seigneur* granted a piece of land to a family under a royalty system. The family would engage in subsistence farming to meet most of their food, heating, and shelter needs. The seigneurial system was based on the

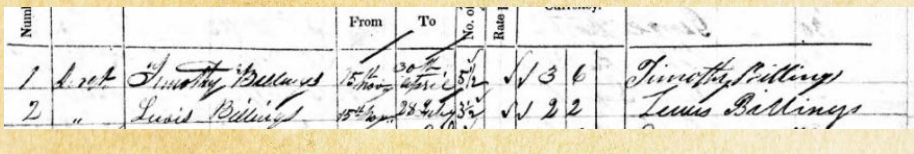
feudal system, which involved the personal dependency of *censitaires* (tenants) on the seigneur. In New France the similarities ended with occupation of land and payment of certain dues. The tenant was normally referred to as a habitant.

Its purpose was to promote settlement in a systematic way. Seigneuries, which were usually 1 x 3 leagues (5 x 15 km) in size, were generally divided into river lots (*rangs*), a survey system based on the French experience in Normandy. The long, rectangular strips were particularly well adapted to the local terrain, since they facilitated interaction between neighbours and provided multiple points of access to the river, the principal communication route. Individual holdings were large enough (usually about 3 x 30 arpents) to provide a reasonable living to farmers.

The seigneur could establish a court of law, operate a mill and organize a commune. He received from the habitants various forms of rent: the *cens*, a small tithe dating from the feudal period, which reaffirmed the tenant's theoretical subjection to the seigneur; the *rente* in cash or kind; and the *banalités*, taxes levied on grain, which the tenant had to grind at his seigneur's mill. He also usually granted hunting, fishing and woodcutting licenses. In the early 18th century, seigneurs began to insist that their tenants work for them a certain number of days annually. By the 1850s, the system was deemed an obstacle to economic development in Canada and was summarily abolished, with habitants permitted to lay claim to the land they had farmed.[16]

Napier Christie Burton (1758-1835) inherited his father's estate in 1799 and became the seignior who through his notary Edmé Henry, leased out land concessions to settlers in what was called "Christie's Manor." In effect, he became an absentee landlord to Enoch and Lewis Billings, along with their children in the seigniories, and resided solely in England after 1815.[17]

While some researchers have argued that the seigniory system was exploitive, the Billings's didn't seem to mind. They were evidently so content with life in Canada that the entire family volunteered to fight for the government against the rebels in the Canadian Rebellions of 1837-1838. The war in Québec (then called Lower Canada) resulted from growing tensions between the French Canadians and their English governors, as well as frustration with inequalities and a lack of will for reform. The rebellions were crushed with the help of the U.S. government. Enoch, John, Timothy, Lewis and Heman Billings appear in volunteer soldier muster rolls repeatedly from 1837 to 1839. (Example below).



[16] https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/seigneurial-system
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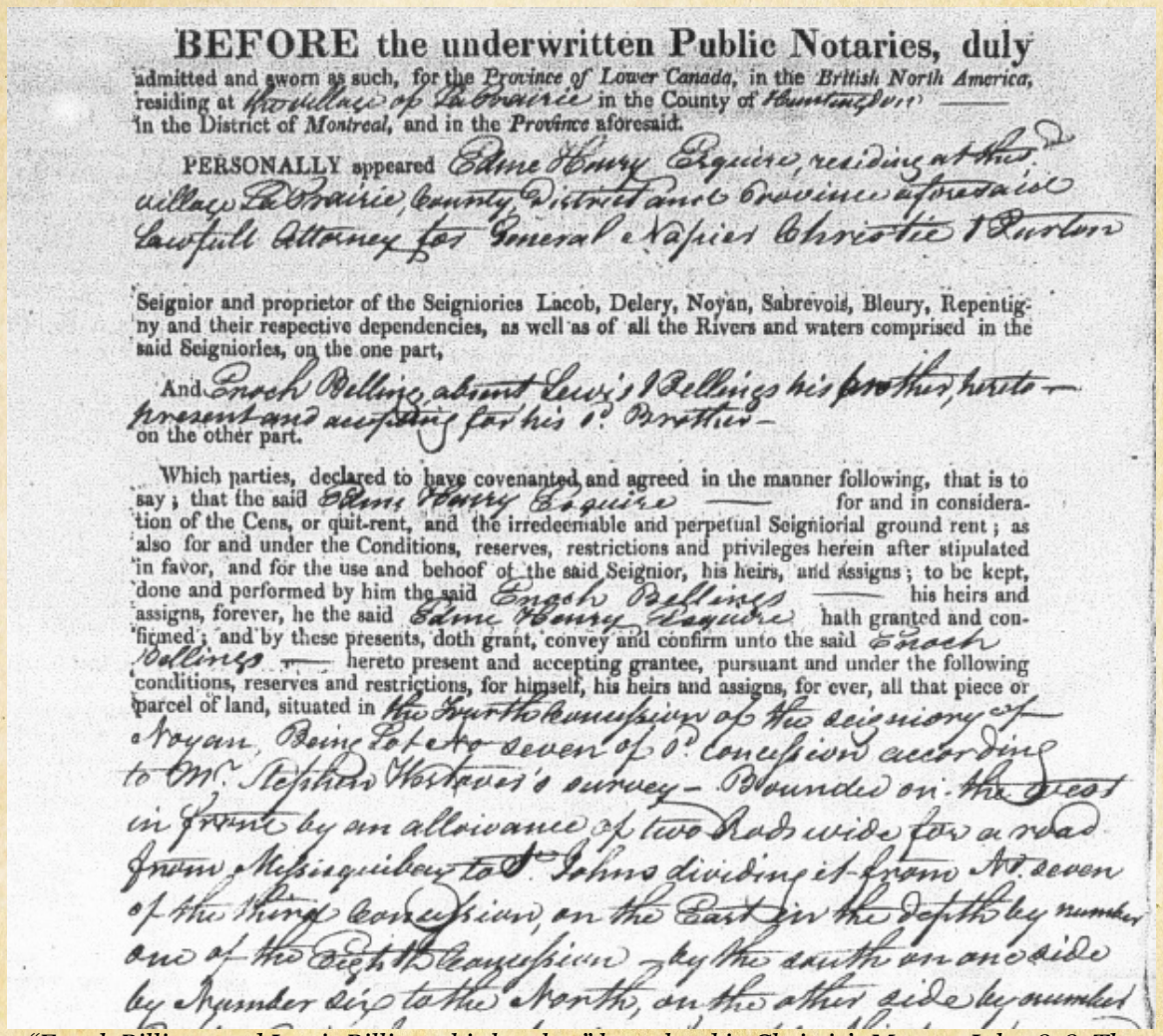


BEFORE the underwritten Public Notaries, duly admitted and sworn as such, for the *Province of Lower Canada*, in the *British North America*, residing at Village of La Prairie in the County of Huntingdon in the District of *Montreal*, and in the *Province* aforesaid.

PERSONALLY appeared Edme Henry Esquire, residing at the Village La Prairie, County, District and Province aforesaid Lawfull Attorney for General Napier Christie Burton

Seignior and proprietor of the Seigniories Lacob, Delery, Noyan, Sabrevois, Bleury, Repentigny and their respective dependencies, as well as of all the Rivers and waters comprised in the said Seigniories, on the one part,

And Enoch Billings, aliant Lewis Billings his brother, hereto present and accepting for his D. Brother

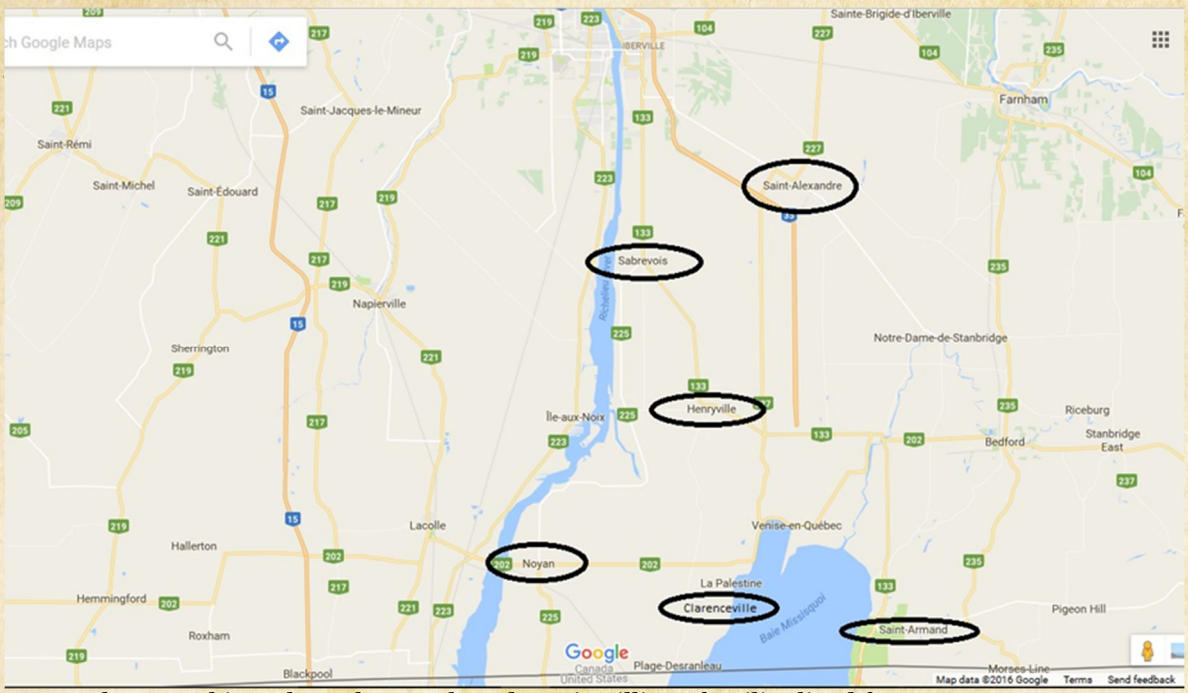
on the other part.

Which parties, declared to have covenanted and agreed in the manner following, that is to say; that the said Edme Henry Esquire for and in consideration of the Cens, or quit-rent, and the irredeemable and perpetual Seigniorial ground rent; as also for and under the Conditions, reserves, restrictions and privileges herein after stipulated in favor, and for the use and behoof of the said Seignior, his heirs, and assigns; to be kept, done and performed by him the said Enoch Billings his heirs and assigns, forever, he the said Edme Henry Esquire hath granted and confirmed; and by these presents, doth grant, convey and confirm unto the said Enoch Billings hereto present and accepting grantee, pursuant and under the following conditions, reserves and restrictions, for himself, his heirs and assigns, for ever, all that piece or parcel of land, situated in the Fourth Concession of the seigniory of Noyan, Being Lot No seven of D. Concession according to Mr. Stephen Hosteover's survey - Bounded on the West in front by an allowance of two Rods wide for a road from Missiquiboy to St. Johns dividing it from No. seven of the third Concession, on the East in the depth by number one of the Eighth Concession by the south on one side by Number six to the North, on the other side by number

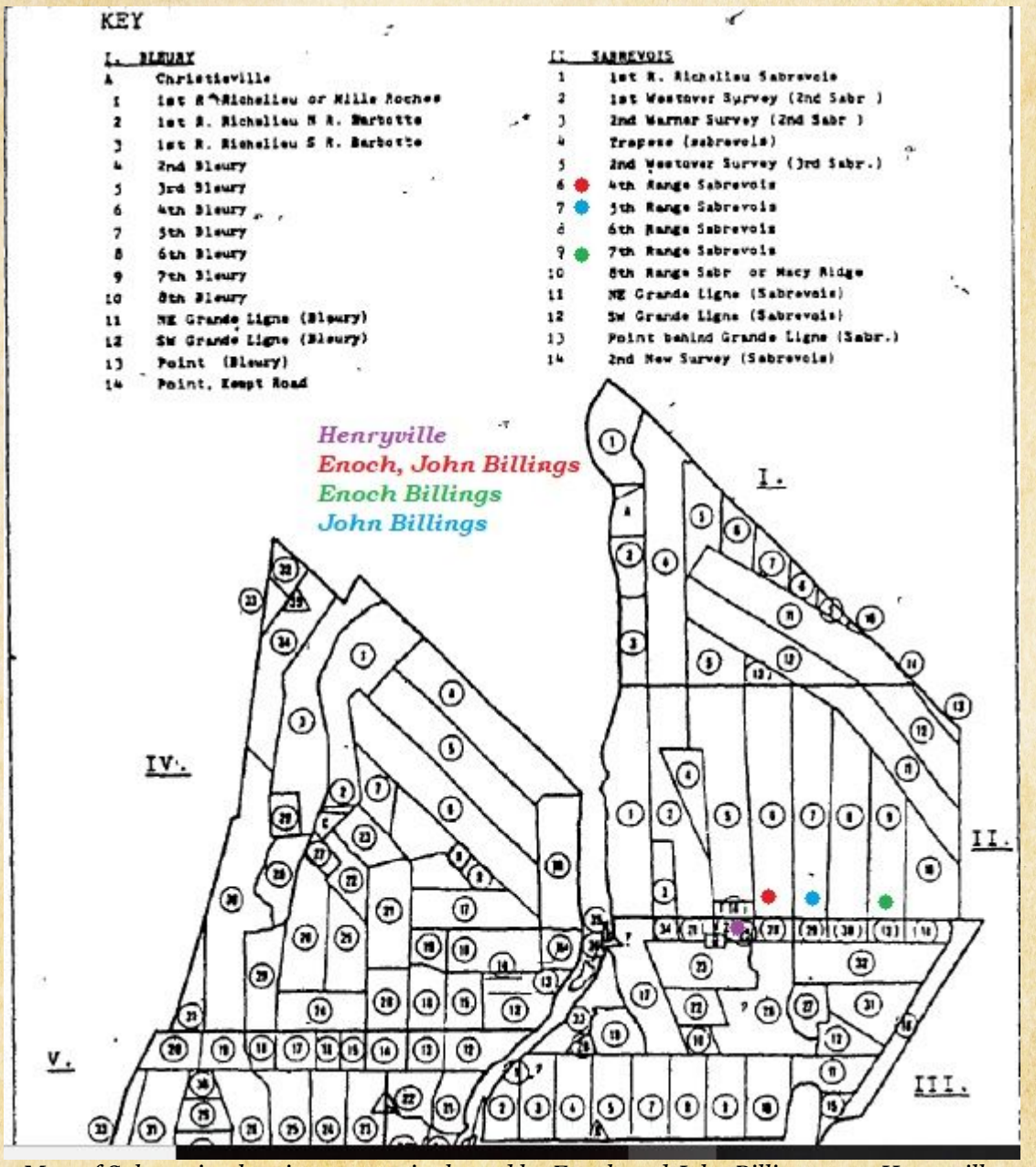
"Enoch Billings and Lewis Billings, his brother" lease land in Christie's Manor, July 1818. The document states Enoch and Lewis owed back-dated rent from July 29, 1817, the date they had settled their concessions.

Why Enoch Billings sold off his property in Vermont to become a tenant farmer on a subsistence concession in Canada isn't clear. He was part of a group of approximately twenty American families, mostly from Vermont, that settled in the vicinity of Henryville, Lower Canada in 1816-1817. Most of these families had been Loyalist exiles who sought refuge in Canada following the War of 1812, and were part of a larger "Great Migration" into Canada that lasted from 1815 to 1850.[18] The Billings's were not Loyalists, but seem to have been acquainted with loyalist families that migrated from Swanton to the vicinity of Henryville, Noyan and Sabrevois at the time.

[18] http://henryville1810-2010.blogspot.com/



The townships where the Enoch and Lewis Billings families lived from 1817 to 1883.



Map of Sabrevois, showing properties leased by Enoch and John Billings near Henryville.

Timber seems to have been the Billings's main family business in Canada, and likely earned them a better living than the mere subsistence farming they engaged in. According to the 1851 Lovell's Directory of Québec, Timothy Billings owned his own mill near Henryville. John Billings was employed as a sawyer (literally, one who saws wood) according to parish records. Lewis Billings owned a saw mill in Fort Covington, New York, and Abraham was a carpenter by trade.

Enoch and his wife are last found in the 1861 census of Canada, reportedly aged seventy-five and seventy years, living in Henryville with their son John, whose death in 1867 prompted them to leave Canada to live with their youngest son, Lewis, in Westville, New York. Federal mortality schedules for the 1870 census

noted that Enoch died of consumption in Westville in April 1870. His wife followed him to the grave within a few years.

Enoch's burial location is unknown. The likeliest place is Coal Hill Cemetery in Westville Township, New York, just a few hundred yards from the residence of his son Lewis near Fay Road and California Road in the southern part of Westville. Some of his close neighbors in the Rogers and Rhinehart families died in the 1870s and are buried there as well.

Enoch and his sister Nellie both named children for Vermont political figure Heman Allen of Colchester (and Highgate) Vt., (1779-1852), a Democratic-Republican who served in the fifteenth congress (1817-1818), resigning to take up a position as U.S. Marshal for Vermont and later Minister Plenipotentiary to Republic of Chile in January 1823. He served until 1827, and later practiced law in Highgate.

Order of Enoch's Children's Immigration to the U.S.:

1. Maria: 1852 (per notarial and property records)
2. Heman: 1853-54 (per burial and marriage records)
3. Timothy: 1854 (per notarial records)
4. Abraham: 1862 (per his obituary)
5. Isaac: 1866 (per census records)
6. Lewis: 1879-80 (per census records)

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Life of Enoch Billings in Records:

1785 (Jan. 31): Birth recorded in town records of Franklin, MA. "Enoch, son of Enoch and Nanna Billings."

1810 Vermont Census: Enock Billings Jr. lived in Swanton. 10010-20010

1810: Enoch Billings listed as 2nd Company Light Infantry 1st Regt. 3rd Division, VT Militia (Saint Albans, June 22, 1810)

1812: Enoch Billings listed in group of soldiers equipped under Capt. Newcomb Lampkin Jr. (Company of Calvary, St. Albans, June 1812).
https://dcms.lds.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE198416

1813 (Aug. 9): Enoch Billings Jr. buys from William Carter the southern half of lot no. 30 in the town of Swanton, containing 48 acres.

1813: "E. Billings" named in vendue (sale at public auction) list Swanton Vendue Index.

1816: Enoch Billings (1798-1802) and Enoch Billings Jr. (1813-1817) appear in Grand Lists of Swanton, VT.

1816 (April 8): Enoch sells his property (48 acres, south half of lot no. 30) in Swanton to Peter Staliker and auctions off his livestock. (This is Peter Stalker, uncle to his wife).

1817: He disappears from Vermont after the 1817 tax census of Swanton. According to a rental agreement he signed much later, Enoch took up residence in Noyan, Lower Canada on July 29, 1817.

1818 (July 15): Deed of Concession, Edme Henry Esq. to Enoch Billings and Lewis Billings (Montreal notarial records of Roger Francois Dandurand). Document describes Enoch's purchased land as in the Fourth Concession, Lot 7. "Bounded on the West by an allowance of two rods wide for a road from Missisquoi Bay to St. John's, dividing it from No. seven of the third concession; on the East in the depth by No. 1 of the eighth concession; by the seventh on one side by number six to the North; on the other side by number eight, being four arpents [an arpent being 0.84 acres] in front by thirty arpents and twelve links in depth, containing one hundred and twenty arpents and twenty perches for an annual rent of two pounds, five shillings and seven pence. The rental agreement notes that Enoch entered into verbal agreement and took possession of the lot on July 29, 1817 and owed one year of back rent.

Enoch and Lewis rented for more than thirty years in what is called the Christie Seignories: plots of farmland granted to Gabriel Christie, a NY-based loyalist for his military service to the crown. Christie, though an American, died in England. His son, Napier Christie Burton (1758-1835), a Member of Parliament and commander of British forces in the Canadas, received the Christie Seignories upon his father's death in 1799 and became the Billings' absentee landlord, with Edme Henry acting as his representative. After the Revolutionary War, many loyalists fled to Canada to live on Christie's land. The seignories were abolished in 1854.

1823 (Jan. 25): "Concession agreement of Enock Billings of lots 19 and 20 in the 4th concession of the Seigneurie de Sabrevois. Notary public: Edmund Henry." National Archives of Canada. http://collectionscanada.gc.ca/pam_archives/index.php?fuseaction=genitem.displayItem&lang=eng&rec_nbr=4000720

Each lot was 28 arpents and an arpent is about 0.84 acres. So Enoch received about 50 acres. The term "concession" refers to the units of survey within the seignories.

1825 Census of Canada-- Sabrevois, Bedford, Canada:

Enoch Billings, 10 family members, 4 members under age 6, three members

between 7 and 14, 1 married male age 18-24, one married male 40-59, one female under 14, one single female 14-44, one married female over age 45. They lived between David Sanders and Daniel Collins.

1826 (Aug. 17): Sale by Enoch Billings to Morris Dyson (Iberville notarial records of Pierre Paul Demaray).

1827 (Dec. 17): Sale by David Nutt Jr. to Enoch Billings and Isaac Billings (Joseph E. Faribault, Iberville notarial records). (D. Nutt Jr. 1805-85 of Clarenceville, his father was from NH). This was for Lot 27 of the Fourth Concession in Sabrevois. In the margin it is noted that "Billings, his minor son (and) bind himself to have the (?) Isaac to ratify these presents when of age for himself and his." It states in the body that Enoch accepted the land on behalf of "his son Isaac."

Local Census of Québec/ Nov.-Dec.1830
Enoch Billings (8 males, 5 females)

1830-1843: Most of his children were married in civil ceremonies in Alburgh, VT per Alburgh Town Records. This would seem to indicate they were not church-going people.

1831 Canada Census-- Missisquoi County, Sabrevois.

ENOCH BILLINGS, 11 members of household, all Methodists, 2 males under age 5 (Lewis and ?), 1 male age 5 to 14 (Heman), one male age 14-17 single (Abram), 1 male 18-20 single (Isaac), 1 male 21-30 single (Timothy) and one married male from same category (John McTaggart?), two females under age 14 (Hannah and ?), one female who is married, age 14-44 (Maria). Immediate neighbors are John McTaggart (possibly Sr.?) and Mary McCollum.

1832 (Nov. 15): Agreement of sale by Enoch Billings and James Gaboury (Pierre Besse, notary).

1836 (Sep. 9): Declaration by ? for Enoch Billings (Timothy and John Billings also mentioned in "ditto" entries a few days earlier. (L.A. Moreau, notary, Montreal). This declaration notes that Enoch Billings was the proprietor of Lot 27 in the Fourth Concession in Sabrevois (this is the land he bought for his son Isaac in 1827, although it now notes that the property was bordered by that of Isaac Billings and the widow and heirs of Duncan McCallum), the declaration notes that despite the death of his landlord, Napier Christie Burton, he still owed his estate rent.

1837 (Apr. 13): Sale by Patrick Sheridan to Enoch Billings (Leon Dugas, Iberville notary records)

1838 (Jan.-Dec.): Enoch found in Henryville Volunteers muster rolls/Canadian military with John, Timothy, and Heman Billings (who Enoch signed for) and

John McTaggart. They fought for the British Government during the Canadian Rebellions of 1837-'38.

1841 (Jul. 20): Enoch & Isaac Billings mentioned in land sale in Iberville, C.E. notarial records.

1842 (Jan. 8): Cession by Enoch Billings to James Carlton (Iberville E.R. Demers notary records)

1842 Census of Canada: Enoch appears as a farmer in St-George-de-Clarenceville, 5 people in his household, reportedly 2 born in Canada, 3 born in USA, reported living in the province 25 years. His neighbors are sons Isaac and Timothy. Mrs. John McTaggart, his widowed daughter, is also nearby.

1845 (Dec. 10): Sale by Enoch Billings to Ambrose Thibodeau. V. Valefroy, Iberville Notary. Enoch is described as "farmer, resident of the parish of St. Athanase." He sold lot 25 in the Seventh Concession to Thibodeau.

1851 Census of Canada East: Enoch is mysteriously absent, even though his son Timothy appears and the women in his household are mysteriously enumerated with their maiden names. Nor is he in the US in 1850. Official accounts say much of the 1851 Census was destroyed in a fire.

1861 Census of Canada East: Enoch and Maria Billings appear as members of the household of John Billings in Henryville, aged 75 and 70 respectively, both born in the U.S., both Episcopal. They likely moved with him from Henryville to Granby in 1865-67. After the death of John in 1867, they went to live with Lewis Billings in Franklin Co., NY.

1867 also seemed to be the final year for the Protestant Billings family in Canada. After fifty years in Québec and its antecedents, virtually the entire clan moved back to the United States, leaving only the Catholic descendants of John remaining in Canada, though most of them would similarly depart for the United States over the next forty years.

1870 U.S. Census, Westville, Franklin County, New York: Maria Billings appears at age 86 (actually 83), in the household of her son Lewis. Her husband was listed in the mortality index as having died in Westville of consumption in April 1870 at age 88 (he was actually 85).

Maria Aseltine Billings (1787-aft.1870), wife of Enoch Billings Jr. circa 1848 and a later portrait in 1860s attire.

Enoch married **Maria Aseltine,** daughter of **Andreas "Andrew" Asselstyne** and **Elizabeth Stalker,** about 1805 in Swanton, Vermont. Maria was born on August 15, 1787 in Claverack, New York, died after August 11, 1870 in Westville, New York, and was likely buried in Coal Hill Cemetery, Westville, NY.

There is no marriage record that survives for Enoch and Maria Billings and no clear record of her maiden name, siblings or parents, so her identity had to be pieced together with DNA and circumstantial evidence from other records.

A number of clues exist with respect to her birth. Census records of her son Isaac in 1880, daughter Maria in 1880 and son Lewis in 1900 list her birthplace as New York. Maria gave her own birthplace as New York in the 1870 U.S. census as well, and census records seem to consistently imply that she was between two and five years younger than her husband, and thus was likely born between 1787 and 1790. Her first name and New York birth hint at a possible Dutch origin.

DNA Evidence

In AncestryDNA, two key profiles (Stephan Sommer and Billy Don Otis, second cousins to each other) shared 31 cM and 29 cM respectively with my mother (Deborah Farrell). These two had no evident ancestry in common with us aside from one couple of interest: Stephen Otis and Hannah Aseltine of Swanton,

Vermont. I was able to get a six-way DNA match between my mother, these two Otis-Aseltine relations, and three other documented descendants of Enoch and Maria Billings (Anne Marie Harris, Brandy Rowley, Loretta Gregor) ranging from 24 to 53 cM in common with mom. Anne Marie Harris is from the Catholic branch and the other two are descendants of Isaac Billings, indicating these Otis-Aseltine cousins aren't from "married into" families elsewhere on the tree; they are definitely related to Enoch and Maria. Generationally, the Otis-Aseltine DNA data matched up perfectly to the family tree data, indicating 4th to 6th cousins, with Maria's parents being 5th great grandparents to my mother.

Stephan Sommer's family tree featured ~90% post-1840 immigrants from Europe so confounding relations could easily be ruled out; there was absolutely no other way he could be related to my mother other than this Swanton connection. This made his match with Billy Don Otis and the triangulated matches with so many descendants of Enoch and Maria Billings far more important than they would ordinarily be, greatly reducing the odds of error.

The next step was identifying the Otis-Aseltine couple and their relations to find Maria. Given the large cM match, she had to be a very close relative of one or the other. A look at the well-documented genealogies of both the Otis and Aseltine families led to a quick ruling out of any possible relation to Enoch Billings, as well as Maria being an Otis (Stephen Otis's sibling group was well-documented and left no room). Browsing through Aseltine documentation showed the family fit every clue I had about Maria--they were Dutch Americans from New York and migrated to Swanton, Vermont in the 1780s and 90s. The Aseltines even owned a farm on Hog Island, the very same island Enoch Billings Sr. lived on (having bought lot 129 in Swanton from Silas Hathaway in September 1799, and ran a ferry there from 1809).[19]

Born in Claverack, New York were three children of Andreas and Elizabeth Esselstyne: Anna on October 7, 1784, Maritje on August 15, 1787, and Isaac on September 7, 1791. The names Anna, Annatje and Hannah are interchangeable in Dutch, and some women baptized as Anna or Annatje were called Hannah as adults; even their maternal grandmother was baptized "Anetje Torner" but called Hannah Turner in later records. [20] "Maritje" is the Dutch form of Maria.

Tellingly, Hannah Otis named a daughter Maria and a son Isaac; Maria Billings named a daughter Hannah and a son Isaac as well. Hannah also had a son named John B. Otis, and its tantalizingly suggestive that the B stood for "Billings" though no evidence has been located. But one clear connection between Enoch Billings Jr. and the child born "Maritje Esselsteyn" exists: Enoch sold their land in Swanton to Peter Stalker, brother of Elizabeth Stalker and uncle of Maritje/Maria Esselsteyn, on April 8, 1816.

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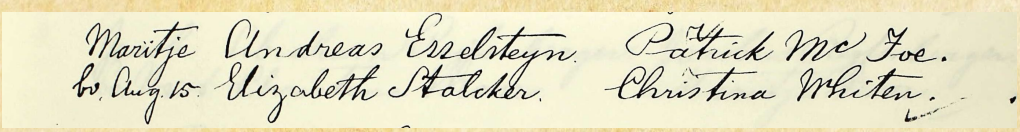
[19] See *Coenradt Esselstyne (Asselstine): Ancestry and Descendants of Conrad Esselstine, Some Allied Families and Other Asseltynes* by Inez Fowler Johnson.

[20] Here is another great example: https://relativemusings.wordpress.com/2016/06/19/are-adam-and-maria-baker-hannahs-parents/

So in addition to unusually strong DNA evidence, there is strong circumstantial evidence that Maria Billings was born "Maritje Esselsteyn" in Claverack, New York on August 15, 1787 to Andreas Esselsteyn and Elizabeth Stalker, who according to a letter by a grandnephew of Andreas, migrated to Swanton after the Revolutionary War. Andreas, known in Swanton as "Andrew Asselstyne," bought property in Swanton from Silas Hathaway on September 10, 1799; Enoch Billings Sr. bought his first Swanton land from Hathaway the same day. Andrew appears in the town records of Swanton from then through November 1823 and was briefly a surveyor of highways.

Mom has at least five cousin matches descended from the Otis-Aseltine couple (Stephan Sommer, Billy Don Otis, Nancy Borden, buspete, PACecchini), and 14 additional matches to variants of the Aseltine name based out of New York and New England. Browsing matches showed my mother had an enormous number of cousins with Dutch and German ancestors, including names like Vosburgh, Van Deusen and Van Valkenberg that were based in Columbia County, New York. Given the rest of her tree is fully fleshed out back to Europe and there are no Dutch lines, this significant Dutch connection could only have come from Maria Billings. Additionally, Judy Billings Hoggatt, a 3rd great granddaughter of Enoch and Maria Billings via their son Heman, has over 80 DNA cousins with descent from the Asselstine surname variants.

As an aside, judging by phonetic variants used by census takers, the name appears to have been pronounced "Oss-uhl-stein." With seemingly limitless variants of the surname in the records of New York and Vermont, "Aseltine" was chosen for this genealogy because it was the spelling remembered by descendants of Hannah Aseltine Otis. This variant began appearing in Vermont as early as the 1800 federal census and within twenty years seems to have become the dominant spelling in Vermont.


Maritje Andreas Esselsteyn. Patrick Mc Foe.
b. Aug. 15. Elizabeth Stalcker. Christina Whiten.

Christening of "Maritje Esselsteyn" at the Reformed Lutheran Church of Claverack, New York, November 11, 1787. Patrick McFoe and Christina Whiten served as godparents.

Death (1870-1875)

Maria Billings was last recorded living Aug. 11, 1870 when she was enumerated in the U.S. census of Westville, Franklin County, New York. Maria was 83, though her enumerated age was 86.

Given that none of the Billings's or their married daughters appear in the New York state census of 1875, even though most of Lewis's neighbors in Westville appear, this strongly suggests that the whole clan had left the state by the time the census was enumerated. Because Maria was very elderly, it seems unlikely she would have traveled to Kansas with them, so she likely died prior to 1875. Census

evidence suggests Lewis may have left New York in 1879.

Photographs

Two photographs said to be of Maria exist, one that appears to be from circa 1848-50 and another which may be a tintype from the 1860s. The originals are owned by Evelyn Hayes Murphy of Beulah, Colorado, said to be age 92 as of December 2018. They came from the collection of Lewis Billings (1825-1905), which includes photos of Lewis, his wife and their daughter, Alice Hayes. Both show her to dress like a relatively wealthy city person with fringes, fancy collars and elaborate hairstyling, rather than a typical farmer's wife who might wear a simple, frumpy dress and a bonnet. This suggests the Billings family may have been relatively successful in the timber industry.

The earlier photograph shows Maria in late middle age, in a loose, full-busted button-down dress, loose sleeves that tapered at the wrist, a high-waisted belt and with her hair styled into ringlet curls. At first glance, the fashions seems to date to the late 1860s and the cabinet card appears to date to circa 1870 as suggested by the thin, unadorned card stock, oval matte and other clues. Given the youth of the subject, it is possible that it represents her daughter, Maria Billings McTaggart (1813-1899). However, according to photographic and textile evidence at the MET, the represented fashions did indeed exist in the 1840s, and it is possible the cabinet card is a reproduction of an earlier Daguerreotype or Ambrotype.[21] It may have originally been taken by Thomas Coffin Doane, a painter and portrait photographer based in Montréal, who was advertising "Talbotypes" (a casual term for Calotypes) and Daguerreotypes as early as 1848.[22] The strong resemblance to the later portrait suggests that both are of Maria Aseltine Billings.

Some genealogists who are knowledgeable about Victorian womens' fashion estimated the later (tintype) portrait as "1860s" and "late 1860s to early 1870s" citing her "cap, lace collar, broach, shoulder line and waist belt" and "her trim placement, narrower sleeves and particularly the broad, flat pleats of her skirt" respectively. Another said, "this photo screams 1860s… the bonnet was worn further back on the head with slight adornment…hair was parted in the middle. The white collar/neckerchief was very prominent in the 1860s, the dress is correct for the 1860's with low shoulders. It may be that the photo was taken in 1870s but the style is of the 1860s."

[21] A nearly identical dress to the one worn in the younger portrait of Maria is owned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art under accession number 1979.346.35 and is dated 1840-45.
[22] https://www.pressreader.com/canada/montreal-gazette/20080928/281878704186588

Children from this marriage were:

+ 2 M i. **John Billings** was born in 1806 in Swanton, Vermont, died on April 27, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St. George Cemetery, Granby, Québec, Canada.

+ 3 M ii. **Timothy Billings** was born on September 9, 1809 in Swanton, Vermont, died on August 14, 1879 in Liberty, Kansas, and was buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, KS.

+ 4 M iii. **Isaac Billings** was born in 1810 in Swanton, Vermont and died after November 27, 1890 of Seymour, Wisconsin.

+ 5 F iv. **Maria Billings** was born in April 1813 in Swanton, Vermont, died on March 9, 1899 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 6 M v. **Abraham Billings** was born on April 20, 1815 in Swanton, Vermont, died on July 15, 1902 in Bayonne, New Jersey, and was buried in New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ.

+ 7 F vi. **Hannah Billings** was born about 1820 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died about 1843 of Henryville, Canada East.

+ 8 M vii. **Heman Allen Billings** was born on June 5, 1823 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 26, 1881 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA.

+ 9 M viii. **Lewis Billings** was born in June 1825 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on April 19, 1905 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Second Generation (Children)

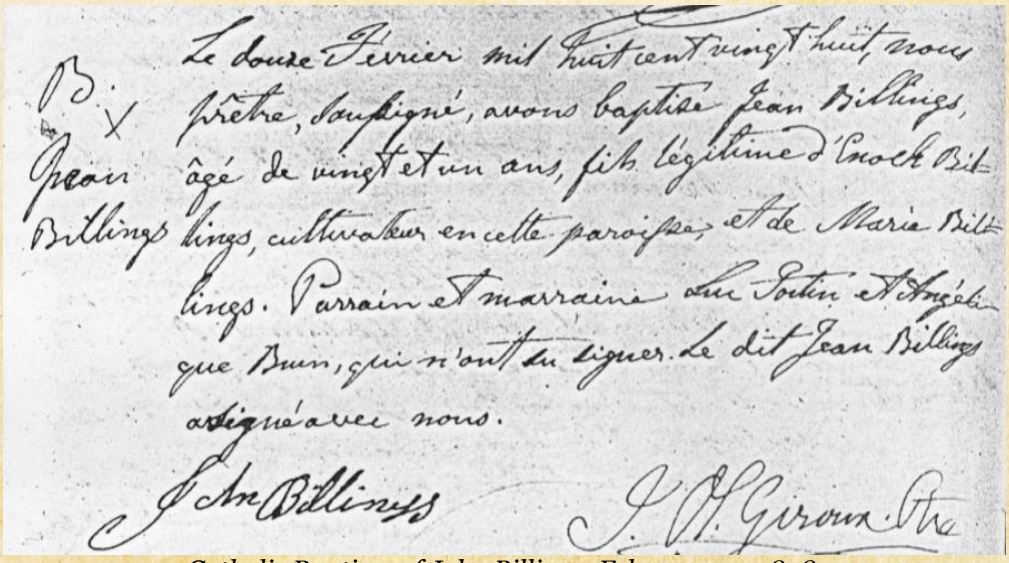
John Billings (1806-1867), farmer, sawyer and volunteer soldier of Henryville, Québec, circa 1856.

2. John Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1806 in Swanton, Vermont, died on April 27, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St. George Cemetery, Granby, Québec, Canada.

John Billings's date of birth was not recorded, but it can be extrapolated from three records: his Catholic baptism in February 1828, which states his age as twenty-one; the January 1861 census of Canada, which states his age as fifty-four; and his April 1867 burial, which gives his age as sixty. These records taken together strongly suggest he was born in 1806.

John is significant in being the founder of the French-Catholic Billings family of the Eastern Townships, who thrived in the region from his 1828 marriage until the death of his great-granddaughter Gabrielle Billings in 2016. Many more American Catholics who bear the name Billings are his descendants. Despite the English surname and English fluency, the Catholic Billings family were culturally French-Canadian, and more closely identified with their French kin, particularly after the departing of their Protestant cousins for the U.S. in the 1850s.

On December 17, 1827, John Billings made his first appearance in public records, receiving a concession from David Nutt Jr., lot number 26 in the Fourth Concession of Sabrevois, and establishing his farm. He later also leased lot 28 in the Fifth Concession of Sabrevois, bordering lands of his brother Abraham and Archibald McTaggart (before September 1836).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Le douze Février mil huit cent vingt huit, nous
prêtre, soussigné, avons baptisé Jean Billings,
âgé de vingt et un ans, fils légitime d'Enoch Bil-
lings, cultivateur en cette paroisse, et de Marie Bil-
lings. Parrain et marraine Luc Fortin et Angéli-
que Brun, qui n'ont su signer. Le dit Jean Billings
a signé avec nous.

John Billings J. H. Giroux Ptre

Catholic Baptism of John Billings, February 12, 1828.

On February 12, 1828, John was baptized a Roman Catholic at the church of St-Athanase near Sabrevois and in the same ceremony married a French-Canadian woman named Emérance Langlois. Born in nearby St-Pierre, Emérance had lost her father shortly after her birth. Her mother remarried to Abraham Fournier and she and her older siblings were raised as his children. John and Emérance Billings's first child, a stillborn infant, was born in September, only seven months later. This suggests the infant was either premature or the unusual cross-religion marriage may have resulted from an unplanned pregnancy.

John Billings seems to have been unusually flexible in his religious beliefs for the time period, freely vaulting back and forth between Episcopalianism and Catholicism, converting to marry whomever his romantic interest was at the time. He became a Catholic to marry a French girl who was two months pregnant with their first child; after her death he remarried around 1851, this time in his native Protestant faith. Very soon after the death of his second wife in 1855, he remarried once again to a Catholic, but evidently did not re-convert, as he was

buried in a Protestant cemetery, despite being posthumously identified once again as belonging to a Catholic parish in his son George's baptism in 1868.

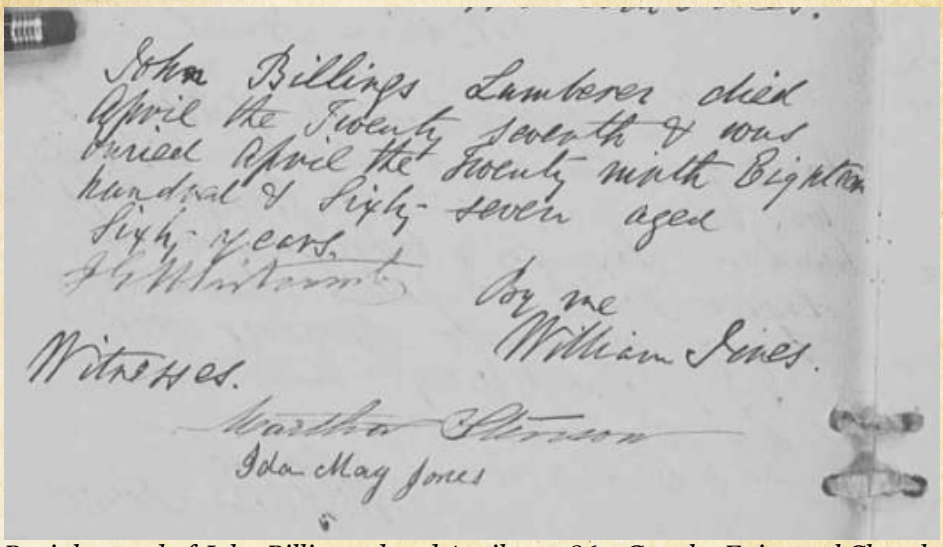
By 1835, John and Emérance Billings had moved to Henryville, near the U.S. border, where baptism records state John was a farmer, sawyer and volunteer soldier in the militia during the Rebellions of 1837-38.

After seven childbirths and two more problematic births that both ended in stillborn infants, Emérance Billings died on November 10, 1848 from birthing complications. She died within hours of the birth, suggesting the cause may have been a hemorrhage.

John remarried within the following three years to Alburgh, Vermont native and widow Jane Manning. Jane bore him one son, George John Billings, on November 13, 1852 before she too died on May 26, 1855. Though her death went unrecorded in local parish records, John was witness to a burial in Noyan the same year, indicating they still lived in Henryville.

John Billings's third marriage, in December 1856 or January 1857, was to a much younger woman, Aurélie Prevost, an Acadian-born widow twenty-four years his junior. The marriage was celebrated with portraits of the couple, both of which survive. Interestingly, this marriage almost didn't happen. On November 27, 1856, Aurélie Prevost filed a protest with the local notary public, alleging that John had promised to marry her on September 21, 1856 but had recanted, leaving her homeless, since she had rented out her previous home to a tenant. The dispute had evidently been resolved by December or January, and their first child was born the following October.

Following a fire in 1863 at Goodnow & Mix's granary that left half the town smoldering, the population of Henryville plummeted. John and Aurélie Billings last appear in Henryville church records on May 11, 1865, at the baptism of their last son, Joseph Alcide Louis Billings. Shortly thereafter, John took his young family and elderly parents and joined his older sons Henry and Abram in Granby, Québec. John had apparently become chronically ill, and his will was notarized on October 23, 1866. He died in Granby at age sixty on April 27, 1867 and was buried two days later in St. George Anglican Cemetery on Cowie Street. His grave has long been unmarked.


John Billings Lumberer died
April the Twenty seventh & was
buried April the Twenty ninth Eighteen
hundred & Sixty-seven aged
Sixty years.
By me
William Jones.
Witnesses.
Martha Stimson
Ida May Jones

Burial record of John Billings, dated April 29, 1867, Granby Episcopal Church.

John's death left his parents to move more than twenty miles away to Westville, New York, where their youngest son lived with his family. His own wife and two sons departed Québec within months and settled in Kankakee County, Illinois around the same time. His widow appears in the Federal Census of 1870 in Pilot, Kankakee County, Illinois, remarried to widower and Civil War veteran Israel Patnode. The marriage quickly ended in divorce, and Aurélie went back to the name Billings, living alone until her death in Batavia, Illinois on December 3, 1889. Her only two surviving children, Edward (1863-1948) and Joseph (1865-1933) Billings remained in Aurora, Illinois for the rest of their lives.

John married **Emérance Langlois,** daughter of **Antoine Langlois** and **Angelique Fontaine,** on February 12, 1828 in St-Athanase-d'Iberville, Lower Canada. Emérance was born on May 16, 1806 in St-Pierre-de-la-Riviere-du-Sud, Lower Canada, died on November 10, 1848 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Quebéc. The cause of her death was complications during childbirth.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 10 F i. **Infant Billings** was born on September 20, 1828 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 21, 1828 in St-Athanase-d'Iberville, Lower Canada, and was buried in St-Athanase-d'Iberville, Lower Canada.

+ 11 M ii. **John Billings Jr.** was born on June 7, 1829 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on February 18, 1902 in Elmville, Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in Webster, Massachusetts.

+ 12 M iii. **Edward Billings** was born on March 9, 1831 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on May 1, 1851 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

+ 13 M iv. **Antoine Abraham Billings** was born on May 17, 1833 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 18, 1907 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec.

+ 14 F v. **Emérance Billings** was born on June 15, 1835 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

+ 15 M vi. **Henry Billings** was born on March 16, 1838 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Lower Canada, died on June 1, 1908 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 16 F vii. **Marie-Stephanie Billings** was born on May 2, 1842 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on January 14, 1920 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

+ 17 U viii. **Infant Billings** was born on October 3, 1844 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on October 3, 1844 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

+ 18 U ix. **Infant Billings** was born on November 10, 1848 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on November 10, 1848 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

John next married **Jane Ann Manning,** daughter of **Richard Manning** and **Lucina Darby,** about 1851. Jane was born on January 12, 1818 in Alburgh, Vermont, died on May 26, 1855 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in Bush Cemetery, Alburgh, Vermont.[23]

The child from this marriage was:

+ 19 M i. **Joshua S. Billings** was born on November 13, 1852 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on April 10, 1928 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH.

[23] *History of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties, Vermont* by Lewis Cass Aldrish, 1891. Pg. 802.

Aurélie Prevost (1830-1889), third wife of John Billings.
Daguerreotype or ambrotype portrait taken circa 1856.

John next married **Aurélie Prevost,** daughter of **Séraphin Prevost** and **Marguerite Gervais,** in December 1856 or January 1857. Aurélie was born on August 2, 1830 in L'Acadie, Lower Canada and died on December 3, 1889 in Batavia, Illinois.

Aurélie had previously been married to Moise Gaudreau on October 19, 1847 in Henryville Catholic Church. Their children were Marie-Herménégilde (b. July 28, 1848), Moise-Stanislaus (b. March 11, 1850), Alphonsine (b. June 4, 1851), Adna-Eleonine (b.1853) and Marie-Isilda Gaudreau (b.1855). The three eldest children were born in their mother's native Acadia. Herménégilde and Alphonsine appear in the John Billings household in the 1861 census of Canada East, though they are given the name "Billings."

According to the 1861 census of Canada she was born around 1830 in Québec. Their marriage occurred between November 27, 1856 and sometime in January 1857, according to a suit she filed against John Billings in court, and the October 1857 birth of their first child.

After the death of her husband in 1867, Aurélie joined the westward French-Canadian migration, taking her two sons by John Billings to settle in Pilot, Kankakee County, Illinois. By the 1870 census, she was remarried to Israel Patnode, a native Canadian who had lived in Illinois for several years prior. She also appears to have adopted a boy named Adam, whom she or the census taker called "Adam Billings" in the 1880 census. Her marriage to Israel Patnode was over before then, and some years later he remarried someone else. Her death and burial went unrecorded by the local government, the date and place given here were given by her descendants in a family bible.

Family accounts among descendants of Joseph A. L. Billings claim Aurélie was part native American and was mean to her sons, selling them to a farmer as servants when they were teenagers. While this is likely an exaggeration, they may have faced hardship once her third marriage crumbled, leaving the boys to be the breadwinners in the family. They appear as farmhands in the 1880 census.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 20 M i. **Narcisse Billings** was born on October 21, 1857 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on May 28, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

+ 21 M ii. **Jules Billings** was born on December 13, 1859 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on August 16, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

+ 22 F iii. **Marie-Azilda Billings** was born on August 29, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died before July 1870.

+ 23 M iv. **Joseph Edward Billings** was born on August 14, 1863 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died in April 1948 in Aurora, Illinois, and was buried on April 29, 1948 in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, IL.

+ 24 M v. **Joseph Alcide Louis Billings** was born on May 10, 1865 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on September 19, 1933 in Aurora, Illinois, and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, IL.

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3. Timothy Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 9, 1809 in Swanton, Vermont, died on August 14, 1879 in Liberty, Kansas, and was buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, KS.

1834 (Mar. 26): Timothy Billings (marriage) to Margaret W. Taggart both of Henrysville L.C. Henry L. Reynolds J.P. (Alburgh Town Books)

1841 (Jul. 6): Declaration of obligation, Timothy Billings/Alfred Pisoneault (notary JB Varin; Que. Notarial records).

1842 (Mar. 23): Sale by Timothy Billings to Heman Billings (notarial records of Iberville Dist., Québec of Edouard Rene Demers.)

1845 (Oct. 8): Sales by Luther Loomis Dutcher to Timothy Billings and Lewis Billings (his first cousins)-- notarial records of Edouard Rene Demers, Iberville, Québec

1846 (Apr. 13): Exchange between Timothy Billings and Lewis Billings (Leon Dugan, notary, Iberville)

1846: "The mill seat located on lot 22 in the 5th concession of Sabrevois was on the main branch of South River and included 4 arpents of land. In 1846, the mill yard, with its one saw, was leased for a 9-year term to Timothy Billings of Sabrevois, a farmer. The lease included an agreement to build a new 'good and substantial' sawmill on the site. Billings was not to change the course of the water above the mill and would be responsible for the damages caused by the dams." P. 567-68. http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/obj/thesescanada/vol2/QMM/TC-QMM-76748.pdf

1848 (Jul. 17): Sale Timothy Billings to W.R.R. McGinness (Henri Aubertin, notary)

In 1851 Lovell's directory he was a worker in a saw mill in Henryville, Canada. Per other records he was a saw mill operator.

1852 census of Canada- PRDH
http://www.prdh.umontreal.ca/images1852/C-1137%5CLC-25-343%5Ce002314140.pdf

Timothy, age 42 and family enumerated in census on this page-- neighboring his sister Maria, 39, and her husband Alexander Nigus, 28.

July 1854--Timothy Biillings sold property to Julien Moguin, likely preparing for his move to the United States (Québec Notarial Records of Iberville District).

Timothy lived in Niles Township, Floyd Co., Iowa in 1860:

Billings Timothy 50 M Farmer Vermont
Billings Margaret 44 F Scotland
Billings Maria 22 F Canada East
Billings Elizabeth 20 F Canada East
Billings John 17 M Farmer Canada East
Billings Timothy 15 M Farmer Canada East
Billings Lewis 13 M Canada East
Billings David 10 M Canada East
McTagert Daniel 19 M Teacher 25 Canada East

On April 19, 1877 *The Independence*, a Kansas newspaper, reported that he sold his Liberty Township farm to his son, Lewis.

DEATH CERTIFICATE: Does not exist. Between 1885 and 1911 only a few deaths were recorded at the county or city clerk's office. Many of those registers have not survived. Those that have are online at Familysearch and Ancestry.com. Kansas began formally keeping death records in 1911, more than thirty years after Timothy Billings died.

Margaret McTaggart Billings (1815-1900)

Timothy married **Margaret McTaggart,** daughter of **John McTaggart** and **Jane McVicker,** on March 26, 1834 in Alburgh, Vermont. Margaret was born on September 17, 1815 in Glasgow, Scotland, died on November 22, 1900 in Fortuna, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 25 F i. **Jane Billings** was born on October 7, 1835 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on July 27, 1898 in Fortuna, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

+ 26 F ii. **Mary Maria Billings** was born on April 26, 1838 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on March 30, 1918 in Hydesville, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

+ 27 F iii. **Elizabeth Billings** was born on February 21, 1840 in Henryville, Canada East and died on September 14, 1925 in Eureka, California.

+ 28 M iv. **John Billings** was born in November 1842 in Henryville, Canada East, died on January 7, 1902 in Leavenworth County, Kansas, and was buried in Mount Muncie Cemetery, Lansing, KS.

+ 29 M v. **Timothy Billings Jr.** was born on October 6, 1845 in Henryville, Canada East, died on April 8, 1921 in North Fork Valley, Oregon, and was buried in Norway Cemetery, Coos County, OR.

+ 30 M vi. **Lewis Billings** was born on October 6, 1846 in Henryville, Canada East, died on October 14, 1933 in Cherryvale, Kansas, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Cherryvale, KS.

+ 31 M vii. **Daniel Billings** was born on June 12, 1850 in Henryville, Canada East, died on January 13, 1931 in Fortuna, Humbolt, California, and was buried in Myrtle Grove Cemetery, Eureka, CA.

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4. Isaac Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1810 in Swanton, Vermont and died after November 27, 1890 of Seymour, Wisconsin.

Date of birth: Almost certainly 1810, since there are three children that appear in his father's household in the Swanton, VT census that year. Census records give a range between 1810 and 1812.

Alburgh Town Books
(marriage record) pg. 149
Isaac Billings to Jenett McCollum, both of Sabrevois, Jan. 17, 1832.

Isaac and Jeanette lived for ten years in St-Armand West. Baptisms of those of their children born 1840-1850 occurred at the Methodist church in St-Armand West, transcribed here:
http://missisquoigenealogy2.blogspot.com/2013/05/saint-armand-501-725.html

1851 CANADA CENSUS
St. Armand West
Billings, Isaac, 39 laborer, Presbyterian, b. USA, frame house, 1 story, 1 family.
Billings, Jeanette, 37 Wesleyan, Scotland
Isaac Jr., 17 b. Canada B
Christiana 12
Maria 9
Evelyn 5
Catherine 2

1861 Census of Brome Township, Canada East

(All children born Canada East).

Household:
Billings Isaac 50 b. vt, farmer
Billings Jenette 47 b. Scotland
Billings Jenette 27
“ Isaac 25 laborer
“ C.A. 21
“ Mariah 18
“ Eveline 14
“ Catherine 11
“ Caroline 9
“ John 6
“ Abram 4

[NOTE: His son Abraham reported the family’s immigration to the US year as 1866].

1870 US-- Fremont, Winneshiek, Iowa

Billings, Isaac, 58, b. VT
Billings, Jenette, 57 b. Scotland
Billings, John, 15, b. Canada East
Billings, Abraham, 13, b. Canada East.

NOTE: In 1870, Isaac is enumerated just one household apart from Heman A. Billings (age 46), who appears widowed but with his children Charles, Heman E., Cordelia and John. A Vt born farmer last named Manning is the next household over from Isaac. All men are farmers.

1875 State Census of Cicero, Outagamie, Wisconsin

Isaac Billings: 2 males, 1 female (second male is son Abram).

1880 US CENSUS: Cicero, Outagamie, Wisconsin

Isaac BILLINGS Self M Male W 70 VT Farmer VT NY
Jeannette BILLINGS Wife M Female W 66 SCOT Keeps House SCOT SCOT
Abram BILLINGS Son S Male W 22 CAN Works On Farm VT SCOT

1885 State Census of Wisconsin (June 20, 1885)

Isaac Billings b. USA-- 1 M 1 F in household, 1 born US 1 born Great Britain. Trempeleau Co., WI.

Appleton Post, Nov. 27, 1890:

Resolved by the county board of Outagamie County, Wisconsin, that in the matter in relation to the collection of bill No. 305, presented by the city of

Seymour and allowed by this board for the board, care and medical aid furnished by said city for one Isaac Billings whom we believe to have legal residence in the town of Ackley, Langlade County, Wisconsin, be left to the district attorney and the chairman of the committee on county poor to act as they shall deem proper.

Isaac does not appear in 1895 Wisconsin state census-- this suggests he died 1890-1895. Both the 1880 and 1885 censes give only two Isaac Billings households. The other was the Beaver Dam (shoemaker) Isaac, who was born in CT in 1835.

There is no record of his death in Trempeleau County archives or evidence of his or Jeanette's burial there. The Trempeleau county clerk's website has posted all death records they have prior to 1907, when a law went into effect mandating them. If it does not appear, they say it is because the death was not recorded.

He appears to have been convalescing in his final years in Seymour, Outagamie Co., WI, despite having a legal residence more than 80 miles north in Ackley, Langlade Co., WI. There is no record of his death or burial in either county.

Isaac married **Jeanette McCallum,** daughter of **Duncan McCallum** and **Mary,** on January 17, 1832 in Alburgh, Vermont. Jeanette was born in 1814 in Scotland and died after June 20, 1885 of Trempeleau County, Wisconsin.

Jeanette's father, identified as Duncan McCallum of Sabrevois by at least one family tradition, was a neighbor of the Billings family who was reported deceased before September 9, 1836 in notarial records.

Jeanette died 1885-1890 either in Trempeleau or Outagamie County, Wisconsin, between the last record of her existence in the WI state census of 1885, and the mention of Isaac Billings as having become a burden of the county of Outagamie in November 1890.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 32 F i. **Jeanette Billings** was born in July 1833 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died after 1901 of Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

+ 33 M ii. **Isaac Billings Jr.** was born in 1835 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died in 1864-1871 of East Farnham, Canada East.

+ 34 F iii. **Christiana Billings** was born on September 1, 1840 in St-Armand West, Canada East and died on April 23, 1916 in Sterling, Massachusetts.

+ 35 F iv. **Maria Mary Billings** was born on July 13, 1843 in St-Armand West, Canada East, died on June 18, 1872 in Fremont, Iowa, and was buried in Hope Cemetery, Waterbury, VT.

+ 36 F v. **Eveline Billings** was born on March 6, 1847 in St-Armand West, Canada East and died after 1900 of Athena, Oregon.

+ 37 F vi. **Catherine Billings** was born on March 7, 1850 in St-Armand West, Canada East and died on May 3, 1935 in Eau Gallie, Florida.

+ 38 F vii. **Caroline Billings** was born in 1852 in Brome Township, Canada East and died before 1910 in Texas.

+ 39 M viii. **John Billings** was born in 1855 in Brome Township, Canada East and died after 1870 of Winneshiek County, Iowa.

+ 40 M ix. **Abraham Justin Billings** was born on September 17, 1857 in Brome Township, Canada East, died on November 18, 1918 in Cass County, North Dakota, and was buried in Oak Wood Cemetery, Cass County, ND.

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5. Maria Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in April 1813 in Swanton, Vermont, died on March 9, 1899 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

Her tombstone indicates she was born in April 1815, but in the earliest record of her age, the 1851 Canada census (enumerated in 1852), she gives her age as 39 (b. 1813). This would make her 17 at her first marriage, and 46 when her last child was born. She married in 1830 and had four children before her first husband reportedly died of a war-related illness in the spring of 1840.

A Canadian notarial record of July 16, 1846 mentions a bail (lease) by "Maria Billings, widow [of] McTaggart" to a P. Fournier.

Maria and her second husband left Canada and moved to Rock County, Wisconsin in 1852, then to Chickasaw County, Iowa (1854-1855), Mower County, Minnesota (1855-1858) and then to Doniphan County, Kansas in January 1858 (per land records). While they were married, her husband had two children with her daughter Maria in 1854 and 1859, and they finally divorced in 1871. The split was anything but amiable; Maria accused her husband of being a worthless drunk who took sexual advantage of her daughter while she was book keeping for his broom shop. Nigus denied everything in court, but the divorce was granted, with Maria taking custody of the farm and

homestead.

The divorce evidently led to financial hardship, as Maria McTaggart and family members appear in a list of delinquent taxpayers Apr. 10, 1873 in the *Kansas Chief* (Troy, KS) newspaper. Despite the blow up, Maria continued to live with her daughter and ex-husband until as late as 1880, according to the census of that year.

Maria Billings was called "a lady of intelligence" and a "devout Christian woman of the United Bretheren denomination" in her 1899 obituary in the *Brown County World*. Her first husband was a Presbyterian, and her obituary claims she was raised a Presbyterian herself (this is unlikely, given that her parents stated their own religion as Episcopal or Methodist). It also gives her birthplace as "Scranton" Vermont, states she moved to Kansas in 1857, and that she was the mother of seven, four of whom were living in 1899.

Maria married **John McTaggart,** son of **John McTaggart** and **Jane McVicker,** on December 31, 1830 in Alburgh, Vermont. John was born in 1807 in Glasgow, Scotland and died in June 1840 in Henryville, Canada East.

John McTaggart was a farmer and an officer in the British Army during the Canadian Rebellion of 1837. He died from disease contracted in that campaign, two months before the birth of his last child, according to a biography of his son Daniel.

• He worked as a farmer.

Children from this marriage were:

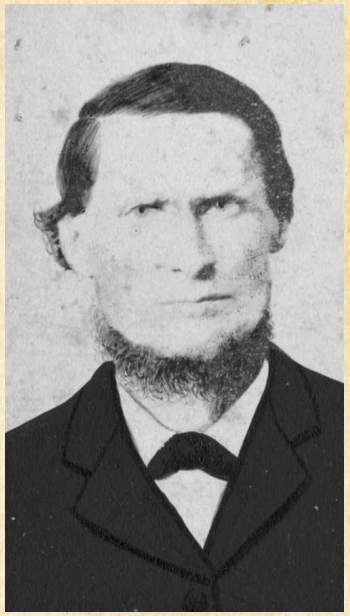
+ 41 M i. **John McTaggart** was born on January 15, 1832 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on November 12, 1902 in Axtell, Kansas, and was buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

+ 42 F ii. **Jane Melissa McTaggart** was born on March 3, 1836 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on February 1, 1914 in Fairview, Kansas, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, KS.

+ 43 F iii. **Maria McTaggart** was born on June 18, 1837 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on September 12, 1915 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 44 M iv. **Daniel McTaggart** was born on August 2, 1840 in Henryville, Canada East and died on August 3, 1897 in Leona, Kansas.

Maria next married **Alexander Nigus** on January 1, 1849. Alexander was born on June 3, 1828 in Richford (or Berkshire), Vermont, died on February 15, 1910 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona., KS. He is pictured at right.



A biography by one of his descendants:

Alexander was born on June 3, 1828; the son of Darius Pinney Negus and Amanda Jewett Negus. He was born in Berkshire, Franklin, Vermont. He indicates that he was born in Canada in some Census documents.

He is an unnamed child of Darius (Nugess) Nigus in the 1831 Canada Census, Noyan, Rouville County, Canada.

He was married to Maria Billings as shown in the 1851 Canada Census, St, Alexandre Rouville County, Canada.

He married Maria Billings McTaggart on January 1, 1849 in Vermont. Maria was 13 years older than him. Maria Billings had married John McTaggart and had 5 children with him. Alexander and Maria moved to Kansas in 1858 (1857 according to her obituary) after living in Henryville, Canada; Rock County, Wisconsin (1852-54); Chickasaw County, Iowa (1854-55); and Mower County, Minnesota, (late 1855-Jan. 1858).

Alexander and Mariah had two children: Alexander E. Negus (b. 28 Dec. 1854) and Mary Ann Negus (b. 1 Jan 1859). While married, he had a relationship with his step-daughter, Maria McTaggart with whom he fathered two children: Amanda (named after Alexander's mother)(b. 13 Dec 1854) and Albert Lee (b. 23 Jan 1859). [So he had two children with a 41-year-old mother and her 17-year-old daughter less than two weeks apart. Quite a guy!] He was divorced from his first wife and then married his step-daughter on February 3, 1873.

After Alexander's divorce, Alexander E. (his son) lived with his mother, married Mary Wolfinden, (4 children) moved to Oberlin,Ks. and later moved to California where he died on July 18,1922 in Orange Co., California and is buried in Santa Ana. Mary Ann lived with her mother and died March 22, 1878. Amanda married George Scofield on April 24, 1873 and Albert lived with his parents at Leona until he married Lillie Hill in 1879.

Alexander was a successful farmer, carpenter, owner of a hotel/boarding house in Leona and leased other properties.

Alexander died on February 15, 1910 as a result of a stroke which led to paralysis.

He was buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery next to his second wife, Maria McTaggart Nigus. Both are buried next to Maria McTaggart Nigus' mother and Alexander's first wife, Maria Billings McTaggart.

OBITUARY:

Alexander Nigus, of Leona, died Tuesday of paralysis. The funeral was held yesterday and the body interred in the Bellevue [Pleasant Hill] cemetery. Alexander Nigus was born in Berkshire Co., VT. [Berkshire, Franklin Co., VT.] on the 23rd day of May 1828 [June 3, 1828]. He was 81 years, 8 months and 15 days old. He came to Kansas 52 years ago and located in Doniphan county, where he has resided ever since. He leaves a widow and two children, Mrs. Amanda Schofield [Scofield] of Leona and A. Nigus [Albert] of Hiawatha. He was a member of the Christian church.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 45 M i. **Alexander Nigus Jr.** was born on December 28, 1854 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on July 18, 1922 in Orange, California.

+ 46 F ii. **Mary A. Nigus** was born on January 1, 1859 in Leona, Kansas, died on March 22, 1878 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

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6. Abraham Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 20, 1815 in Swanton, Vermont, died on July 15, 1902 in Bayonne, New Jersey, and was buried in New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ. The cause of his death was chronic endocarditis.

Born in Swanton, VT and raised mostly in Sabrevois, Canada East, Abraham Billings was a carpenter by trade. Though either atheist or non-denominational early in life, he converted to Methodism in 1858 and was baptized in St-Armand. In 1862 he moved his wife and children to Bayonne, New Jersey where he remained the rest of his life, living to the ripe old age of 87.

Abraham was baptized at the Methodist church of St-Armand West on March 12, 1858. Transcribed, gives his actual date of birth:

Abraham Billings of the Township of Stanbridge in the County of Missisquoi, Carpenter, was Baptized on the twelvth (sic) day of March One Thousand eight Hundred and fifty eight Aged Forty two years ten months and twenty two days by me. Francis Hunt Minister
Witnesses D. Boomhower
Edward Blakely

He was witness to another baptism in 1843, along with members of the Wheeler family in a record in the Clarenceville Church of England:

Image 382 Folio Eleventh
Baptism: WHEELER, Eliakim Charles Brown
On this the second day of July eighteen hundred and forty three, I baptized , Eliakim Charles Brown, son of John Wheeler, of Noyan, farmer, and Catherine, his wife, born on the twenty fourth day of April last Abraham Billings, Richard Wilkinson, and Rebecca Wheeler being sponsors.
M. Townsend, Rector
Parents: John Wheeler Catherine Wheeler
Sponsors: Richard Wilkinson Abraham Billings Rebecca Wheeler

According to his obituary he moved to the Bergen Point neighborhood of Bayonne, NJ in 1862 and remained there until his death. He was survived by one daughter and his wife.

CENSUS RECORDS

Abram Billings was listed as the Head of the Household in the 1851 Canada East & Canada West Census for Stanbridge Township, Missisquoi County, Québec, Canada. He was mis-indexed as "Abram Bellings" and is mentioned as a landowner in Standbridge.
http://data2.collectionscanada.gc.ca/e/e093/e002307634.jpg

Abram Billings gave his occupation as carpenter on 12 January 1852 in the Canadian census of 1851. He lived in Stanbridge Township, Missisquoi County, Canada East. He had no religious affiliation, he was 35, born in Canada, owned a block house, 1 story, 1 family. Wife and child were Methodist, which was probably why he converted six years later.

Abram Billings was a carpenter on 22 June 1870 at Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey, USA. Age-54, Birthplace-Vermont.

He was listed as the Head of the Household in the 1880 US Federal Census for 3 Fourth St, Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey, USA. 1880 Bayonne, Hudson, NJ

Abram BILLINGS Self M Male W 62 VT Carpenter VT VT
Rebecca BILLINGS Wife M Female W 56 CAN Keep House NH NH
Albert BILLINGS Son S Male W 26 CAN Lumber Salesman VT VT
Elizabeth BILLINGS Dau S Female W 22 CAN At Home VT VT

He was listed as the Head of the Household in the 1900 US Federal Census for 253 Blvd, Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey, USA.Abram Billings was a retired carpenter on 2 June 1900 at Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey, USA.

1900 Census: Age-84, Birthplace-Vermont, Father's Birthplace-Vermont, Mother's Birthplace-Vermont.9,10 He married Rebecca Wheeler between June 1843 and June 1844.

Death of "Abraham Billings" noted in the *Bayonne Herald* on July 19, 1902. His death certificate lists his birthplace as Vermont and names his parents as Enoch Billings and Maria Billings, giving his place of birth as New Hampshire and hers as "U.S." It gives his age as 86 years 2 months and 25 days, which would place his date of birth as April 20, 1816. It gives his U.S. residence duration at 39 years and his home address as "251 Boulevard, Bayonne City" and notes he died at his residence.

Abraham married **Rebecca Wheeler** on November 29, 1843 in Alburgh, Vermont. Rebecca was born on September 21, 1824 in Noyan, Canada East and died after 1905 of Bayonne, New Jersey.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 47 M i. **Albert Billings** was born on October 3, 1855 in Stanbridge, Canada East, died on February 21, 1898 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was buried in Bayonne, New Jersey.

+ 48 F ii. **Roxanna Elizabeth Billings** was born on February 18, 1859 in Canada East, died on March 13, 1926 in Asheville, North Carolina, and was buried in Bay View Cemetery, Bayonne, NJ.

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7. Hannah Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born about 1820 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died about 1843 of Henryville, Canada East.

There is evidence that a daughter of Enoch Billings Jr. married a John Pullman who died in Noyan Jan. 31, 1855. His burial was witnessed by John Billings and Lewis Billings, the latter of whom was named "his brother in law." There is a Jack Pullman, age 41, who was a close neighbor of Lewis (1825-1905) and the McTaggarts in the 1851 census of Canada. He was a single farm laborer, born in New York.

This "John Pullman Jr." as he is called in a land transaction with Timothy and Lewis Billings in 1846, is likely the same John Pullman Jr. who was the father of Nancy M. Pullman Fish of Vergennes, Vermont.

Nancy Pullman Fish, who identified her parents "John and Hannah Pullman" in her marriage record, was according to her death certificate born in Henryville P.Q., Feb. 19, 1843. The death record identifies her father specifically as "John Pullman Jr." Nancy gives her mother's place of birth as Canada in the 1880 census.

It is possible that this Hannah was not a Billings but a sister of Sarah Ann Kelley, who would still technically be Lewis's sister-in-law. This is unlikely, however, since Sarah Kelley was from New York, and Nancy's mother was born in Canada. So we can confidently infer that Hannah Pullman was a sister of Lewis Billings.

Given that there are no Pullmans in 1860 Vermont who could be Hannah's children besides Nancy, we can infer that Nancy may have been her only child, and thus that Hannah died very early in her marriage, probably in 1843-1845. She was likely buried near her husband in the Protestant cemetery in Henryville, which has since been covered over aside from a single monument. There is no record of her birth or death.

Hannah married **John Pullman Jr.**, son of **John Pullman** and **Nancy**. John was born in 1811 in New York, died on January 31, 1855 in Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in Henryville Episcopal Cemetery (now obliterated).

1811: John Pullman self-reported place of birth is NY; his daughter later reported his birth as Vt; his likely parents, John and Nancy, lived in South Hero, near Alburgh, Vt. in 1817. It's possible the family migrated through both states around that era.

1820: His father, John Pullman, is in Alburgh, Vt. census. He has 3 sons under age 10, one son 26-45, and one daughter 26-45, as well as his wife. Both parents over age 45.

1825: "Jean Poulman" of Buckinghamshire, Lower Canada in census (probably John Sr.)

1831 Census: John Poulmann found in Noyan, C.E. census, head of family of five.

1842 Census: John Pullman found in St George de Henryville, head of family of five again.

1851 Census (enumerated 1852): Jack Poulman, single, age 41, b. NY, farmer, living near or with Billings/McTaggart/Kelley clan.

In 1842, Pullman bought a farm from Adolphe H. Bowell (Québec notarial records)

In 1846, Timothy Billings and "Lewis Billings Junior" exchanged land and issued a promise to sell the property to "John Pullman Junior."

Henryville, Church of England 1852-56:

On this second of February 1855, the body of John Pullman of Noyan, who was deceased on January 31, was interred in presence of John Billings and Lewis Billings, his brother in law.

His daughter reported her father's name as "John Pullman Jr." in her 1879 marriage record.

The child from this marriage was:

> + 49 F i. **Nancy M. Pullman** was born on February 19, 1843 in Henryville, Canada East, died on November 28, 1887 in Vergennes, Vermont, and was buried in Prospect Cemetery, Vergennes, VT.

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8. Heman Allen Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 5, 1823 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 26, 1881 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA. The cause of his death was war-related injury.

After the death of his first wife (1853) Heman moved to Connecticut and got married (1854) and within the year was living in Minnesota. By 1856 he moved to Iowa, when he first appears in a state census. He spent the remainder of his life in Kendallville, Fremont Township.

He died from injuries suffered in the Civil War.

"Herman A. Billings" served in the 6th Iowa Cavalry, 6th Regiment, Co. D during the Civil War. He was a 5th Sargent, enlisted October 17, 1862 age 39, mustered out at Fort Randall, Dakota Territory July 30, 1865. He was an invalid when he applied for a pension in December 1879. His widow applied for a widow's pension on October 7, 1881. His application number was 327288. Microfilm M541 Roll 2.

Heman is firmly connected to the Enoch Billings family. Enoch Billings signed for Heman's service pay during the 1838 Canada Rebellion—the signatures are a clear match. An 1842 land sale in Canada as well as the 1870 census definitively connect Heman to Isaac Billings, and the 1842 census shows Isaac as a next-door neighbor of Timothy and Enoch. Heman was likely named for Vermont politician Heman Allen of Highgate, whom Enoch Billings Sr. wrote some debt notes to in 1809.[24]

Heman A. Billings was reportedly was a lieutenant during the Civil War. According to information in his third wife's obituary, he served in Captain T.W. Bardick's company in the 6th (5th?) Iowa Cavalry. This obituary for Cordelia also

[24] *Allen's Exposition of the Controversy Between Silas Hathaway and Himself*, 1823. Pg. 27.

states that both Herman A. Billings and her first husband, Howard A. Coats, died as the result of wounds that they received during the War of the Rebellion. Information on his son's death certificate shows his name as Edgar Billings, born in England, but census information gives his name as Heman or Herman A. Billings, born in East Canada. He and his second and third wives are buried in Barnes Cemetery in Fremont, Winneshiek, Iowa. An alternate name for his place of death is given as Kendallville, Winneshiek County, Iowa (per info from Bev Nelson). (Paraphrased from following source):
http://www.genealogy.com/ftm/f/i/t/Sandra-C-Fitzgerald/GENE2-0015.html

No death certificate found and it may not have ever existed. Iowa did not mandate the recording of deaths until July 1, 1904. Dates of birth and death given on his tombstone.

Heman married **Cornelia Ann Covey,** daughter of **John Covey** and **Elizabeth Gale,** on December 1, 1850 in Alburgh, Vermont. Cornelia was born on September 11, 1826 in Alburgh, Vermont, died on February 3, 1853 in Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in Henryville Episcopal Cemetery (now obliterated).

They had no children.

Heman next married **Mary Cleghorn** on February 27, 1854 in Willimantic, Connecticut. Mary was born on November 8, 1824 in Scotland, died on December 21, 1869 in Kendallville, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA. The cause of her death was breast cancer, according to the 1870 US census mortality schedule.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 50 M i. **Dr. Charles Archibald Billings D.D.S.** was born on November 22, 1854 in Minnesota and died on December 25, 1934 in Los Angeles, California.

+ 51 M ii. **Heman Edgar Billings** was born on February 12, 1857 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on August 9, 1946 in Seattle, Washington, and was buried in Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park, Seattle, WA.

+ 52 F iii. **Cornelia Billings** was born in 1859 in Winneshiek County, Iowa, died on October 24, 1933 in McMinnville, Oregon, and was buried in River View Cemetery, Portland, OR.

+ 53 F iv. **Winnifred Billings** was born on June 16, 1861 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on August 29, 1863 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA.

+ 54 M v. **John F. Billings** was born on March 17, 1863 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on September 6, 1863 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA.

+ 55 M vi. **Dr. John Winfred Billings D.D.S.** was born on June 2, 1867 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on January 5, 1950 of Van Nuys, California, and was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA.

Heman next married **Cordelia Marie Hale,** daughter of **Orestes Hale** and **Louisa,** about 1874. Cordelia was born on October 27, 1837 in Mogadore, Ohio and died on December 9, 1893 in Fremont Township, Iowa.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 56 F i. **Mabel Louise Billings** was born on December 9, 1875 in Fremont Township, Iowa and died after April 27, 1944 of Portland, Oregon.

+ 57 M ii. **Arthur Orestes Billings** was born in April 1878 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died in 1897 in Portland, Oregon, and was buried in River View Cemetery, Portland, OR.

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9. Lewis Billings (*Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in June 1825 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on April 19, 1905 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Lewis Billings

Lewis Billings Residences:

1825-c.1858: Sabrevois and St-Alexandre, Québec.
c.1858-1879: Franklin County, NY.
1879-1900's: Doniphan County, KS.
1900's-1905: Pueblo, CO.

Birth Year Estimates:

1852 Canada Census: 1826
1860 NY Census: 1825
1870 NY Census: 1825
1880 KS Census: 1826
1900 KS Census: June 1831
1905 Obituary: 1827 (Age 77)

Census Records:

1851 Census, St Alexandre, Que (enumerated in 1852).
Lewis appears age 26 with Sarah age 25 in census of St Alexandre, PQ in 1851, next to the John McTaggart clan. She enumerated by her maiden name of Kelley, but oddly enough several women in this census were recorded with maiden names. The census taker oddly listed his birthplace as "Vermont, U.S.", then struck it out. His wife's birthplace looks like it says "Newburgh" which is a city in NY.

Lewis Billings does not appear in NY state census of 1855.

Lewis Billings owned a saw mill in Fort Covington, NY according to an early town history:

"In view of the general practice in early times, it would be strange if there were not a saw mill on every stream in the town where a power could be developed; but I have been able to obtain trace only of a few additional to those already named; all but two of these were in the vicinity of Deer River Corners, now called Fort Covington Center. The first of them was on the east branch of Deer river, and was doubtless built by Jonathan Ordway; another, with a tub factory combined, was built by Nathan, James and Addison Inman, and was burned in 1861; one a hundred rods up the stream, built, by Edwin S. Beau in 1857, sold to Richard Delarm, who resold to Mr. Bean, and the latter to Lewis Billings;" -- http://history.rays-place.com/ny/ft-covington-1-ny.htm

Note: Fort Covington Center is at the intersection of route 42 and route 4 (Coggin Bridge-Bombay Rd.) in Fort Covington Township, distinct from the hamlet of Fort Covington further north. An analysis of a map by Robert Pearsall Smith (Taintor, Dawson & Co.) in 1858 shows the Beau mill later owned by Lewis Billings was on Donovan Road, about 2,000 feet south of the intersection with Coggin Bridge-Bombay Road.

1860 US census: Bangor, Franklin Co., NY, Lewis Billings, age 35, wife Sarah, age 32, children Malissa, 7 and Alice Billings 4. Post office: Cook's Corner.

1870 US census: Westville, Franklin, New York. Post office: Malone.

Household Gender Age Birthplace
Maria Billings F 86y New York
Lewis Billings M 45y Canada
Sarah Billings F 44y New York
Alice Billings F 11y Canada
Jennie Billings F 2y New York

An analysis of his neighbors in the 1870 census cross-referenced with the Beers Atlas of Franklin County of 1876 shows Lewis likely lived near the intersection

Fay Road and California Road in southern Westville Township, just north of the Malone border (he may have also lived a few hundred yards away on Cold Spring Road).

Lewis does not appear in either the New York or Kansas state censes of 1875.

Lewis probably moved his family to Kansas in 1879. His daughter Alice had her child Sallie in NY in 1879 but they were living in Leona, KS in 1880, per the census of that year.

Leona, Doniphan, KS, 1880: Lewis Billings, 54, white male carpenter, wife Sarah, 51. Daughter Jennie, 11. Lewis b. VT, parents b. VT, wife b. VT, parents b. VT, Jennie b. NY, parents b. VT.

1885, KS state census, Lewis is living with his wife.

1900 Federal Census: Lewis is a widower, born June 1831 in Vermont, parents born in MA and NY. Still employed as a carpenter. Of Wolf River, Kansas.

1904 Pueblo City Directory: Louis Billings boards at 1630 E. 4th St., Pueblo, CO.

His Obituary from the *Pueblo Chieftain* reads:

BILLINGS--Thursday, April 19, 1905, Louis Billings, aged 77 years, father of Mrs. Alice Hayes, 1630 east Fourth street and Mrs. Jennie Daniels, 1111 Grand avenue. The funeral will take place from the chapel parlors of West Brothers and Whiton this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Thomas Stephenson will officiate. Internment will be in Mountain View cemetery.

Lewis married **Sarah Ann Kelley** about 1852. Sarah was born about 1826 in New York and died on June 2, 1886 of Wolf River, Kansas.

Genealogists claim her death date as June or July 2, 1886, though the source is unknown.

She was oddly enumerated in the 1851 census of Canada with her maiden name in the same household as Lewis. The census also gives a clue to her birthplace--the word may be "Newburgh."

Children from this marriage were:

+ 58 F i. **Melissa Billings** was born in 1853 in Montréal, Canada East and died in 1887 in Leona, Kansas.

+ 59 F ii. **Alice Billings** was born on February 16, 1857 in Canada East, died on January 4, 1937 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

+ 60 F iii. **Jennie Billings** was born in July 1868 in Franklin County, New York and died after 1930 of Pueblo, Colorado.

Third Generation (Grandchildren)

10. Infant Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 20, 1828 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 21, 1828 in St-Athanase-d'Iberville, Lower Canada, and was buried in St-Athanase-d'Iberville, Lower Canada.

The translation of the only record of this child's existence indicates that it was a baby girl, anointed, who died "quelques instant apres la naissance" ("some time after the birth") without giving a date or an age. No date of birth is given, but its safe to assume she was born around September 18-21, 1828. PRDH transcripts give her date of birth as September 20. She was never baptized. Curiously, her next sibling was born slightly fewer than nine months later.

11. John Billings Jr. (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 7, 1829 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on February 18, 1902 in Elmville, Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in Webster, Massachusetts. The cause of his death was listed as "apoplexy; softening of the brains."

John, a.k.a. "Jean-Baptiste" Billings (per some parish and census records) was his parents' eldest surviving child. John had the largest family in the Billings clan, with a total of twenty-one children born by two wives between 1849 and 1893, of whom at least five died in childhood. He is pictured at right with his second wife, Virginie Hebert.

According to information he gave in the 1861 census, John built his home in Henryville in 1850. John was also illiterate. He was a farmer in Canada most of his life but moved to Webster, Massachusetts in 1893 and died at his home in the Elmville ward of Killingly, Connecticut. His death certificate gives his date of birth erroneously as June 5, 1827, and indicates his body was being returned to Webster, Massachusetts for burial. It doesn't specify a cemetery, but Sacred Heart of Jesus is most likely, given that several of his grandchildren are buried there.

John married **Marie Patenaude,** daughter of **Charles Patenaude** and **Marguerite Ainse,** on January 9, 1849 in St-George-de-Henryville, Canada East. Marie was born on October 20, 1831 in St-Athanase-d'Iberville, Lower

Canada and died on June 12, 1868 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

61 M i. **Israel Billings** was born on November 21, 1849 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on May 15, 1850 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of his death was fever.

62 F ii. **Marguerite Billings** was born on April 22, 1851 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on February 5, 1852 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of her death was consumption.

63 F iii. **Alphonsine Billings** was born on February 7, 1853 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on February 22, 1853 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of her death was roseola.

64 F iv. **Julie Billings** was born on March 14, 1854 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died in 1921 of Plainfield, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

65 F v. **Marie-Stephanie Billings** was born on May 18, 1856 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on March 20, 1857 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of her death was grippe (influenza).

66 M vi. **Henry G. Billings** was born on February 27, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on September 1, 1923 of Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

67 M vii. **Edward Billings** was born on March 21, 1860 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on July 15, 1932 in Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

68 M viii. **Georges-Napoleon Billings** was born on June 25, 1862 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died in 1883.

John next married **Virginie Hebert** on April 12, 1869 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada. Virginie was born in August 1847 in Canada East and died in 1935 of Webster, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

69 M i. **John Billings** was born in February 1870 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada and died on June 14, 1900 of Webster, Massachusetts.

70 F ii. **Marie-Louise Billings** was born in 1873 in United States, died in November 1881 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada.

71 M iii. **Joseph Oliver Billings** was born on January 20, 1874 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on April 12, 1918 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

72 F iv. **Rose Anna Billings** was born on July 7, 1875 in Iberville, Québec, Canada, died on October 22, 1909 in Dudley, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

73 F v. **Azilda Billings** was born on February 3, 1878 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada, died in 1945 of Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

74 F vi. **William-Wilfrid Billings** was born on November 13, 1879 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada and died before April 6, 1891 in Canada.

75 M vii. **Joseph-Cyril Billings** was born on August 7, 1881 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada, died on February 8, 1951, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

76 M viii. **Edgar Billings** was born on April 14, 1883 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada and died on June 2, 1889 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada.

77 F ix. **Maria Louisella Billings** was born on July 26, 1885 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada, died on June 10, 1970 in Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

78 M x. **Adhemar-Joseph Billings** was born on August 14, 1887 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada, died on October 6, 1950 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in St. George Cemetery, Southbridge, MA.

79 M xi. **Pierre-Adelard Billings** was born on June 29, 1890 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada and died in May 1964 in Webster, Massachusetts.

80 M xii. **Joseph Arthur-Michel Billings** was born on March 17, 1892 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada and died on March 20, 1892 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada.

81 M xiii. **Francois Billings** was born in January 1893 in Canada and died after 1900.

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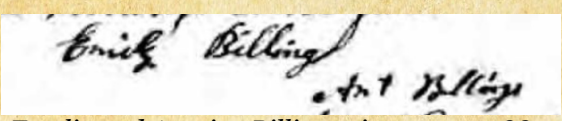
12. Edward Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 9, 1831 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on May 1, 1851 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

13. Antoine Abraham Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 17, 1833 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 18, 1907 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec, Canada.

Variously called Antoine and Abram in different records, his baptism has never been found; the 1901 census gives a date of May 17, 1833 for his birth. He was most likely born in Henryville, though his baptism may have gone unrecorded. There was no dedicated priest residing in Henryville in 1833-34, so records may not have been thoroughly kept. http://henryville1810-2010.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2009-02-20T13:47:00-08:00&max-results=7

Abram and his first wife were legally married in a civil ceremony in the United States on January 20, 1854. They were married in the Catholic Church on January 8, 1855. He wed his second wife, Sophie Potvin, Oct. 20, 1897.

He was a farmer of Henryville (until about 1865), Granby (c.1865-1880s) and West Shefford (1880s-1907). The 1881 census lists his occupation and "sawyer" and a January 1890 record of his daughter's marriage lists it as "entrepreneur." In the 1876 Eastern Township Gazzeteer, "Abraham Billings" of Granby was listed as a foreman.



Emelie and Antoine Billings signatures, 1885.

Antoine married **Marguerite Langlois** on January 8, 1855 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. Marguerite was born in February 1833 in Lower Canada, died on January 28, 1894 in West Shefford, Québec. Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec, Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

82 F i. **Marie-Philomene Billings** was born on September 17, 1854 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on April 19, 1855 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

83 M ii. **Alphonse Billings** was born on June 13, 1856 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on February 24, 1871 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

84 F iii. **Marie-Emma Billings** was born on May 5, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died after 1900 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

85 M iv. **Charles "Peter" Billings** was born on May 26, 1860 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died in 1927 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

86 M v. **Georges-Guillaume Billings** was born on January 21, 1862 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on January 7, 1942 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

87 M vi. **Infant Billings** was born on February 4, 1864 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on February 4, 1864 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

88 F vii. **Marie-Emelie Billings** was born on April 20, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died before October 14, 1889 of Granby, Québec, Canada.

89 F viii. **Rose de Lima Billings** was born on April 20, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on February 4, 1895 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec, Canada.

90 F ix. **Mary Jane Billings** was born on October 17, 1869 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died between 1893 and 1910 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

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14. Emérance Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 15, 1835 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

No further record of this child seems to exist. She probably died in infancy.

15. Henry Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 16, 1838 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Lower Canada, died on June 1, 1908 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of his death was influenza/heart syncope.

Were he on the wrong side of the law, Henry Billings would not have been an easy man to catch; thirty-five years of his life were spent in various Québec towns, including Henryville, St-Alexandre, West Shefford, Granby, Coaticook and Abbotsford, and at least three U.S. states (Maine, Michigan, and Vermont), among possible scores of other places. Henry spent most of his life as a migrant farm worker, being recorded in parish records sometimes as "journalier" (day laborer) or "cultivateur" (farmer). Like many French-Canadians in the late nineteenth century, Henry toiled away at the planting and harvesting of crops during farming season, and traveled south during the off-season to work in the new textile mills sprouting up all over New England.

The son of an American father and a French-Canadian mother who died in childbirth when he was ten, Henry grew up an illiterate laborer who was forced to travel wherever the work was to support an ever-growing family. Despite his lack of education and modest origins, Henry reinvented himself late in life, learning how to read and write and opening his own successful bakery, the H. Billings Bread and Pastry Co. of Granby, Québec.

H. Billings Bread and Pastry Co. From left are Marguerite, unknown woman and child, Henry Billings, Onsime Billings, unknown people on porch, and George Billings in the delivery cart.

Henry was born on March 16, 1838 in Henryville, Lower Canada (now Québec), and grew up in the rural farming community he was likely named for. He was probably married in 1859 or 1860, though the whereabouts of his marriage are unknown. He seemed to have remained in Henryville after his marriage, where two daughters were born, Odile in April 1861 and Malvina in June 1862, both of whom died in childhood. Henry worked on local farms until a relocation to St-Alexandre by 1864.

Most of Henry's siblings remained in Québec, living in the Eastern Townships region: Henry's eldest brother, John, would remove to Massachusetts by the end of the century and later died in retirement in Connecticut; his sister, Fanny, lived in Stanstead, Canada; their brother, Abram settled as a farmer in West Shefford.

Henry lived a much less sedentary life than his siblings, much of his adult life spent in the search of paying labor, mostly on farms. By the 1840s, Québec's most fertile farm land had been systematically occupied, leaving mostly peripheral regions open to agricultural colonization, and thousands of landless farmers searching either for affordable, accessible and fertile land, or gainful employment. Between 1784 and 1844, Québec's population increased by about 400%, while its total area of agricultural acreage rose only by 275%, creating an important deficit of available farmland. While not as dramatic, this trend continued between 1851 and 1901.

With an expanding population and decreasing availability of farmland, Canadians began spending increasing amounts of time in the United States working in textile mills in New England and New York. The Canadians of the mid-to-late 19th century were a highly mobile generation, often crossing the U.S./Canadian border several times throughout their lives. It was this pattern of migration to the U.S. and repeated return to Canada that would characterize the lives of Henry Billings and his family.

Henry's travels took him to Granby by the birth of his son Arthur in March 1866. Granby was the most developed city in the Eastern Townships region and a hub of commerce between Montreal and mill towns in the northeastern United States. Henry would remain in Granby for some five to seven years, toiling away as a farm laborer with his brother, Abram. He seemed at this time to have made a connection with the city, and would return to settle down much later in life. He is last recorded in Granby in August 1871, when his daughter Emma was baptized at the Notre Dame Catholic Church.

By the mid-1870s, Henry began migrating further south. His son George was born in Coaticook, Québec, near the borders of New Hampshire and Maine, in May 1876. Within two years, Henry settled in the booming textile town of Lewiston, Maine, the first of his major forays into living in the United States. Further inquiry seems to indicate that an economic depression in Québec in the 1860s, followed by the completion of a new railroad to the budding industrial city of Lewiston around 1870, led Henry to migrate to Lewiston along with thousands

of other French-Canadians, relocating his family there to work in Lewiston's textile mills. He may have lived there between about 1877 and 1882, according to self-reported data from the 1901 Canadian census. Henry's next son, Antoine was born in Lewiston in January 1879. After the death of a seven-month-old daughter, Annie, in November 1882, the Billings's moved back to Canada to settle again in Granby.

French-Canadian migrant laborers of the late 19th century lived an austere life bordering on poverty as they abandoned farms to work and live in mill towns. According to one laborer: "Money was very precious to us in those days and we spent it carefully, getting along with only the things we couldn't do without..." Food, clothing, lodging and fuel were relatively inexpensive, allowing even a man with a large family to provide for his family on his wage alone. Women knitted, cooked and raised the children. The laborers and their families usually lived in modest tenements often provided by the mill in corporate housing structures, commonly amounting to a two-or-three-room apartment. Light was provided by kerosene lamps, both in the home and in the streets; clothing was the traditional homespun garments of the French-Canadian farmer, worn by children and parents alike. Hot water was heated on a stove and used for washing the dishes, clothes and floors, cooking food and taking a weekly bath. Workdays were long and arduous, spanning every weekday but Sunday, when families were expected at mass. They began work around five or six in the morning and worked until eight in the evening, with half-hour breaks for every meal. Pay was about fifty cents per day and board cost about two dollars per week, leaving the worker with little free time or disposable income.

Like many French Catholics, the Billings's had a very large family, despite their modest income. On January 14, 1884, Felix Ernest Billings, Henry and Marguerite's tenth child was baptized in the city of Granby, where Henry seemed to have returned to continue farm work. He uprooted his family again, now numbering ten, to work on his brother Abram's farm in West Shefford by 1886. Another child was born to Henry and Marguerite and buried in West Shefford that August.

During the year 1887, Henry made the most dramatic move of his life, bringing his wife and eight living children several hundred miles up the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes to settle in Manistique, Michigan, a small town on the north side of Lake Michigan. Manistique was in a remote, heavily forested part of the United States that was still being carved out of the wilderness, and boatloads of Canadians were moving there to work in its booming logging industry. Apparently very satisfied with Manistique, Henry would remain there for about seven years. As middle age crept in on him, he seemed to tire of the wandering life of an itinerant laborer and settled in the city to learn a trade, evidently encouraging his sons to do likewise. Arthur became a painter; Henry E., a carpenter; Antoine a printer; and George, Onésime and their father took up the baking trade, one that would remain in the family for generations. Three of his

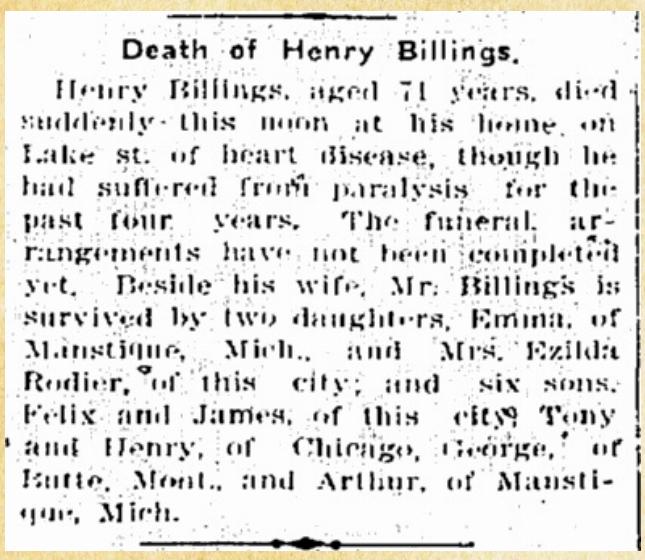
children married there; Emma in 1889, Arthur in 1890, and Henry in 1891, with Emma and Arthur both remaining in Manistique the rest of their lives.

Henry Billings and family, Manistique, Michigan, 1889. Top row, from left: Onésime Billings, Adelard LaChappelle, Arthur Billings, Henry E. Billings. Middle row: Henry, Emma and Marguerite Demers Billings. Children in front: Felix, George and Antoine Billings. Henry and Marguerite are each holding portraits, likely of their daughter Exilda and her husband Eugene Rodier, who were living in Canada.

Henry Sr. left Michigan experienced in the baking trade and returned to Canada to settle in Granby around 1894. Accompanying him were his wife and sons Onésime, Felix, Antoine and Henry; George remained in Manistique with his brother, Arthur until early 1901. By then in his mid-fifties, Henry Sr. bought a two-story home on a half-acre plot at 457 Rue Principale in the heart of the city, opening his bakery, H. Billings Bread Pastry Co. on the lower floor and living above. In the 1899 valuation records of Granby, the value of Henry's estate was estimated at $2,500. His sons lived with him and worked in the bakery and often made deliveries by cart, as did the occasional boarder, who was usually another employee. Onésime, who went to school in Stanstead to get certified as a baker, returned to Granby and married in 1898, moving to an apartment up the road.

Henry Billings and sons, c.1896. Back row from left are George, Antoine and Felix Billings. Front row are Henry E., Henry, Onésime and Arthur Billings. Cabinet card by Benoit Studios, Granby, Québec

Henry's self-realization is evident in a late-life photo, probably taken around 1900. In contrast with earlier images showing a plainly-attired, serious-looking farmer, Henry's last-known photo shows a richly attired city gentlemen with a wry smile and a jaunty top hat.



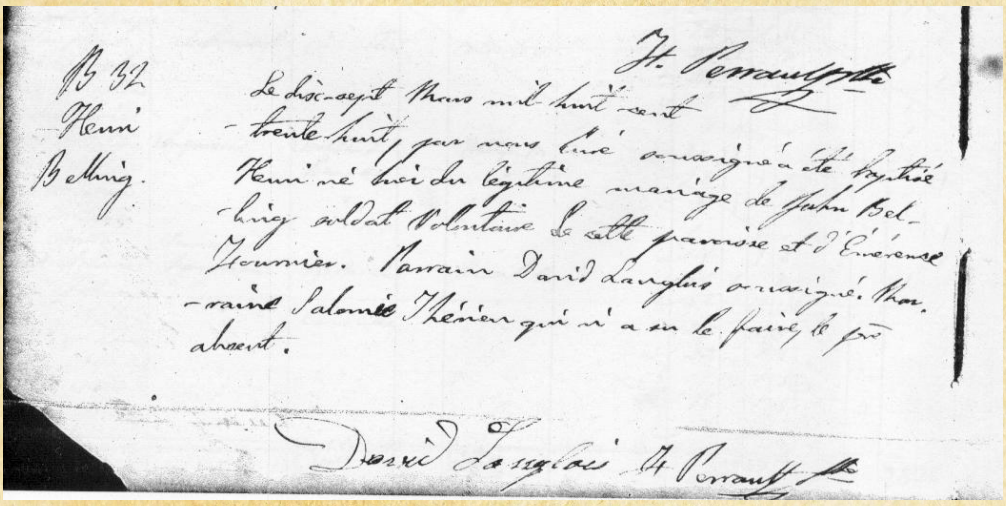
Death of Henry Billings.

Henry Billings, aged 71 years, died suddenly this noon at his home on Lake st. of heart disease, though he had suffered from paralysis for the past four years. The funeral arrangements have not been completed yet. Beside his wife, Mr. Billings is survived by two daughters, Emma, of Manistique, Mich., and Mrs. Ezilda Rodier, of this city; and six sons, Felix and James, of this city, Tony and Henry, of Chicago, George, of Butte, Mont., and Arthur, of Manistique, Mich.

Henry and Marguerite Billings, c.1900.

Henry kept his profitable bakery nearly a decade, until a stroke in 1904 left him paralyzed. As his health deteriorated in his last years, his wife took him in early 1908 to live with their youngest son, Felix, in St. Albans, Vermont, about forty miles south of Granby. Weakened by a bout with influenza, Henry died of a heart attack on June 1, 1908 at the age of seventy. He was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in St. Albans.

BAPTISM: St-George Parish, Henryville, Canada.



(Translation) The seventeenth of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, this day we the undersigned parish priests baptised Henri, born yesterday, legitimate of the marriage of John Belling, volunteer soldier of this parish and of Emerance Fournier. Godfather David Langlois and godmother Salomee Thenen.

DEATH CERTIFICATE, City Clerk's Office, St. Albans, Vermont.
Full Name of Deceased: Henry Billings
Place of Death: St. Albans, Vermont, at the corner of Lake & Elm St.
Color: white Age: 72 years, 3 months. Married.
Birthplace: St. George, Henryville, Canada
Birthdate: March 3, 1836
Father: John Billings. Birthplace: St. George, Henryville, Canada
Mother: Mary Fournier. Birthplace: St. George, Henryville, Canada
Date of Death: June 1, 1908, 12:30 PM.
Disease Causing Death: Influenza, Stroke of Paralysis, Heart Syncope
Duration: six days
Medical Attendant: J. G. Penault.
City of St. Albans, B. Melvin Hopkins, City Clerk.

Marguerite Demers (1841-1921), wife of Henry Billings. Photographed in Lawrence, MA c.1913

Henry married **Marguerite Demers,** daughter of **Numédique Demers** and **Marie-Annette Moras,** about 1860. Marguerite was born on August 1, 1841 in St-Pierre-les-Becquets, Canada East, died on December 23, 1921 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI. The cause of her death was chronic myocarditis/arteriosclerosis.

Baptism: DEMERS, MARGUERITE, born Aug. 1, baptized August 2, 1841 to Numedique Demers, cultivateur, and Marie Anne Moras. Godparents Louis Spenard and Marguerite Paris.

The wife of Henry Billings was the Marguerite Demers born in St Pierre les Becquets on August 1, 1841 to Numedique Demers and Annette Moras. That Marguerite had siblings whose names appear as godparents for Antoine Billings. Antoine's middle name, "Eliuseppe" is the rare name of Marguerite's brother-in-law, Eliuseppe Garneau. Another brother-in-law, Victor Carignan, appears as a godparent of her son Antoine in Lewiston, Maine, 1879.

To top it off, Marguerite Billings gave her birthplace as "St Pierre, Québec" in a St. Albans border crossing of 1919. Her death certificate gives her date and place of birth as "Aug. 3, 1841, St Pierre, Canada" which correspond closely to her baptism records. Her father's name is phonetically misspelled as "Lumadek De Mears" a spelling that is similar to his tombstone in Lakeview Cemetery.

1852 Census:
Numidique Demers, age 42, journalier. No wife listed. Beneath him are:
Octave Demers, 19
George? Demers, 16
Chse? Demers, 9
Emma Demers, 5
Modine? Jacques, 21, cultivateur
Annie Demers, 17
Lepenne? Demers, 24, cultivateur
Notaire? Jacques, 28

Gaspard Demers... has the daughter of Numidique Demers, Marguerite, in his household, along with a Clotide Moras in 1852.

GASPARD DEMERS, baptized Oct. 29, 1814 St Pierre les Becquets to Augustin Demers & Claire Turcotte, married Madeleine Gendron on April 24, 1838 at St Pierre les Becquets. He married Salomee Nault Jan 17, 1848 same place; he married Theotistse Baril Nov 21, 1859, also same place.

Marguerite's mother died in 1850, possibly when the family was living in Little Canada, Minnesota; Marguerite was sent to live with one Gaspard Demers (1814-?) a cousin of her father, where she was living in 1852.

Never one to sit still, Marguerite continued traveling around the United States

and Canada after the death of her husband, visiting her children and other relatives all over the continent. By her own account she lived in St. Albans Vermont from 1908 to 1912, when she removed to Canada, though in 1910 she was staying with her son Tony in Chicago; she crossed the border into the United States several times over the next seventeen years, in June 1913, September 1914, and several other times. She was named in a city directory of Fitchburg, Massachusetts in 1916. After a retirement full of travel, she made a final journey to Manistique, Michigan in May 1919, where she passed away at age 80 in 1921.

Marguerite was recorded living in St-Jean, Québec, in June 1913, when She was on a List or Manifest of Alien Passengers Applying for Admission to the United States from Foreign Contiguous Territory in June 1913 at Montréal, Québec, Canada. She lived in September 1914 at St-Therese-de-Blainville, Québec, Canada, when she was on a List or Manifest of Alien Passengers Applying for Admission to the United States from Foreign Contiguous Territory at St Albans. In 1917 she was living in St. Albans again, according to the draft registration of her son, George. She lived in May 1919 at St Therese, Québec, Canada. She was on a List or Manifest of Alien Passengers Applying for Admission to the United States from Foreign Contiguous Territory in May 1919 at Montréal, Québec, Canada. She was listed as a relative when Onésime Billings was on a List or Manifest of Alien Passengers Applying for Admission to the United States from Foreign Contiguous Territory in May 1919 at St Albans, Franklin County, Vermont, USA.

1841 - 1919 border crossing from Canada to MI; described as age 78, five feet in height, white haired and senile. Birthplace claimed as St. Pierre, Canada.
Aug. 3, 1841- per 1921 death certificate
1841-1921- gravestone in Lakeview Cemetery.
Medical Notes: Stood at 5'0", white hair (1919 border crossing).

Children from this marriage were:

91 F i. **Marie-Odile Marguerite Billings** was born on April 14, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on April 17, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

92 F ii. **Malvina Billings** was born on June 8, 1862 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died after 1871 of Granby, Québec, Canada.

93 M iii. **Henry Edward Billings** was born on May 14, 1864 in St-Alexandre, Canada East, died on May 25, 1939 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was buried in Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, WI.

94 M iv. **Edward Arthur Billings** was born on March 15, 1866 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on December 31, 1926 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI.

95 F v. **Marie-Exilda Rosalie Billings** was born on January 26, 1868 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on November 5, 1925 in Rougemont, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Parish Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

96 F vi. **Marie-Emma Billings** was born on August 16, 1871 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on May 2, 1957 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI.

97 M vii. **Onésime Wilfrid Timothie Billings** was born on June 15, 1873 in St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Québec, Canada, died on March 29, 1923 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

98 M viii. **George Joseph Billings** was born on May 19, 1876 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada, died on December 17, 1940 in St. George, Utah, and was buried in St. George City Cemetery, St. George, UT.

99 M ix. **Anthony Victor Billings** was born on January 22, 1879 in Lewiston, Maine, died on November 26, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

100 F x. **Marie-Annie Billings** was born on March 14, 1882 in Lewiston, Maine, died on November 20, 1882 in Oxford, Maine, and was buried in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Lewiston, ME.

101 M xi. **Félix Ernest Billings** was born on January 11, 1884 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on March 12, 1955 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and was buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA.

102 U xii. **Infant Billings** was born on August 14, 1886 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, died on August 14, 1886 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec.

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16. Marie-Stephanie Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 2, 1842 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on January 14, 1920 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

Called Stephanie or Fannie Billings in many records.
1901 Census of Canada:

Allard Julius M Head M May 12 1837 63
Allard Fanny F Wife M May 12 1841 59
Allard Henry M Son S Aug 8 1874 26

Allard Annie F Daughter S Feb 21 1879 22
Billings Gertie F Granddaughter S Dec 19 1881 19
Allard Julius Jr. M Head M Jan 17 1861 40
Allard Mary F Wife M Jun 4 1874 26
Allard Blanche F Daughter S Feb 9 1886 15
Allard Eugene M Head M Feb 23 1869 32
Allard Rose F Wife M Jan 27 1877 24

Marie-Stephanie married **Julien Allard,** son of **Jean-Baptiste Allard** and **Marguerite-Sophie Lussier,** on February 7, 1860 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. Julien was born on May 20, 1839 in Marieville, Lower Canada, died on October 21, 1910 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

According to an 1865-66 town directory of Henryville, Julien Allard was a brickmaker. http://freepages.rootsweb.com/~macfie/genealogy/henryville.html

Death Certificate:

ID: I806
Name: Julien ALLARD
Sex: M
Birth: 21 May 1839 in Marieville, Rouville, Québec
Death: 21 Oct 1910 in Rock Island, Stanstead, Québec
Burial: 24 Oct 1910 Stanstead, Stanstead, Québec

Census Records:
Census: Canada East 1861 Henryville, Iberville, Québec
Note: Jule Alard, male, age 20, born Lower Canada, single.
Census: Canada 1871 Barnston, Stanstead, Québec
Note: Julius Allard, male, h-hold head, age 32, married, wheelwright.
Census: Canada 1881 Stanstead, Stanstead, Québec
Note: Julius Allard, h-hold head, age 44, born QC, married, farmer.
Census: Canada 1901 Rock Island, Stanstead, Québec
Note: Julius Allard, h-hold head, age 63, born QC 12 May 1837, married, wheelwright.

Children from this marriage were:

103 M i. **Julien Allard** was born on January 17, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died after 1921 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

104 F ii. **Stephanie-Emmeline Allard** was born on June 22, 1864 in Compton, Canada East, died on January 7, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

105 F iii. **Marie Allard** was born in 1866 in Canada, died on March 1, 1889 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

106 M iv. **Eugene Allard** was born on February 23, 1869 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died on January 22, 1936 in Verdun, Québec, Canada.

107 M v. **Elie Allard** was born on July 7, 1871 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada, died on November 8, 1892 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

108 U vi. **unnamed Allard** was born on September 8, 1873 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died on September 8, 1873 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada.

109 M vii. **Henry Allard** was born on July 8, 1874 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died after 1911 of Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

110 F viii. **Marie-Anne Allard** was born on February 17, 1877 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died after 1901 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

111 F ix. **Caroline-Claire Allard** was born on July 3, 1883 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, died on April 18, 1884 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

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17. Infant Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 3, 1844 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on October 3, 1844 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

18. Infant Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 10, 1848 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on November 10, 1848 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

19. Joshua S. Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 13, 1852 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on April 10, 1928 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. The cause of his death was intestinal carcinoma.

Baptised a Catholic in Granby on March 22, 1868, son of John Billings and Jane Manning "of this parish." His father was listed as deceased ("delfu"), as Catholic parishes faithfully record the death of a parent. His baptism gives his birth date

as Nov. 13, 1852 and his name as “George John Billings.”

Despite the name on the baptism, he was evidently known as “Joshua Billings.” He is enumerated under that name in the 1861 census in his father’s household, providing the crucial link to later records of his existence.

He appears in the 1880 US census in Williamsburg, MA. Wife Mary W., both Canadian born, parents all Canadian born. Children Henry, Mary and Freddie.

He also appears as Joshua Billings, born November 1852 in “Canada Eng.”, in the 1900 census living in Black River Township, Lorain, Ohio. He reported that he immigrated to the US in 1873, married a French Canadian in 1874. His children (George, Frederick, Clara, Joseph and Leo) were born in Massachusetts and Ohio (after 1887).

His grave gives his data as: Joshua S. Billings born Nov. 13, 1852 died April 11, 1928 (April 10, according to the death certificate). According to various census records and his death certificate he was a carpenter and contractor. The death certificate correctly gives his father’s name as John Billings, but the mother category just says “don't know.” His birthplace is curiously given as “Haydensville, MA,” though most records state he was born in Canada.

Joshua married **Mary Alexander** in 1874 in Massachusetts. Mary was born on July 1, 1855 in Roxton Falls, Canada East, died on June 26, 1936 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. The cause of her death was bowel cancer.

Children from this marriage were:

112 M i. **George Henry Billings** was born on March 19, 1875 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, died on April 6, 1902 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH.

113 F ii. **Mary Louise Billings** was born in October 1876 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts and died on May 7, 1947 in Grafton, Ohio.

114 M iii. **Frederick Joseph Billings** was born on August 25, 1878 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, died on June 26, 1948 in Akron, Ohio, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

115 F iv. **Clara E. Billings** was born on November 8, 1888 in Lorain, Ohio, died on June 3, 1909 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. The cause of her death was General peritonitis/Suppurative appendicitis.

116 M v. **Joseph Billings** was born on November 5, 1891 in Lorain, Ohio and died in August 1968 in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

117 M vi. **Leo E. Billings** was born on January 12, 1894 in Lorain, Ohio, died on August 10, 1951 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. The cause of his death was Myocardial infarction.

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20. Narcisse Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 21, 1857 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on May 28, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

21. Jules Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 13, 1859 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on August 16, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

22. Marie-Azilda Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 29, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died before July 1870.

23. Joseph Edward Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 14, 1863 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died in April 1948 in Aurora, Illinois, and was buried on April 29, 1948 in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, IL.

He was usually known simply as Edward Billings. According to public records, Edward was a painter and saloon keeper.

His burial date comes from Mt. Olivet burial records.

Edward married **Ella Colbert** on November 21, 1882 in Aurora, Illinois. Ella was born in 1864 in Illinois, died on December 18, 1923 in Montgomery, Illinois, and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, IL.

24. Joseph Alcide Louis Billings (*John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 10, 1865 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on September 19, 1933 in Aurora, Illinois, and was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Aurora, IL.

Joseph Billings was a mechanic turned business proprietor in Aurora, IL. He owned the Billings & Hamlin Buffet and the Colonial Saloon at 84 Fox St. in Aurora. He also owned Millhurst Resort on the Fox River near Plano, IL. He died of complications of diabetes.

Joseph's death certificate gave his birth as "May 10, 1865 Henryville, Canada" and named his parents as "John L. Billings" and "Orelle

Provo." His baptism record from St-George-de-Henryville agrees on the date of birth and gives his full name, which does not appear in later records.

The only known images of John Billings and his wife Aurélie come from one of Joseph's descendants, Phyllis Kalnins.

Joseph married **Annie Morin** on April 19, 1886 in Aurora, Illinois. Annie was born about 1865 in Lancashire, England and died on March 2, 1937 in Aurora, Illinois.

Edward Billings (1863-1948) at left, and his brother Joseph (1865-1933), sons of John Billings and Aurelie Prevost.

Children from this marriage were:

118 F i. **Maude Billings** was born on February 4, 1887 in Aurora, Illinois and died on July 7, 1887 in Aurora, Illinois.

119 F ii. **Mabel Lucy Billings** was born on January 15, 1888 in Aurora, Illinois and died on February 13, 1969 in La Grange, Illinois.

120 F iii. **Hazel Billings** was born on October 28, 1889 in Aurora, Illinois and died on October 28, 1889 in Aurora, Illinois.

121 M iv. **Edward J. Billings** was born on June 10, 1892 in Aurora, Illinois and died on February 14, 1974 in Contra Costa, California.

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James Rowley (1835-1902) and wife Jane Billings (1835-1898), daughter of Timothy Billings and Margaret McTaggart.

25. Jane Billings (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 7, 1835 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on July 27, 1898 in Fortuna, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

Data on this family is from Juleen Reed, Ancestry.com. I have not verified every record, though they do seem to be accurate and well-sourced.

Jane married **James Rowley** on January 1, 1856 in Chickasaw County, Iowa. James was born on March 27, 1835 in Bath, New York, died on January 31, 1902 in Fortuna, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

Children from this marriage were:

122 M i. **William Adelbert Rowley** was born on October 7, 1856 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on December 23, 1917 in Fortuna, California.

123 M ii. **George Timothy Rowley** was born on March 8, 1858 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on August 17, 1927 in Chanute, Kansas.

124 M iii. **Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley** was born on January 23, 1860 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on January 15, 1938 in Fortuna, California.

125 F iv. **Alma E. Rowley** was born on November 14, 1861 in Charles City, Iowa and died on August 3, 1945 in Humboldt County, California.

126 F v. **Margaret Jane Rowley** was born on August 27, 1863 in Charles City, Iowa and died on March 13, 1943 in Table Bluff, California.

127 M vi. **John Volney Sabieski Rowley** was born on June 21, 1866 in Floyd County, Iowa and died on May 31, 1937 in Humboldt County, California.

128 M vii. **Daniel Rowley** was born in 1868 and died in 1870.

129 F viii. **Harriet Rowley** was born on February 9, 1870 in Colorado and died on July 10, 1896 in Rio Del, California.

130 F ix. **Carrie Aldine Rowley** was born on March 19, 1873 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on June 24, 1951 in Eureka, California.

131 M x. **Henry Lewis Rowley** was born on May 26, 1878 in LaVeta, Colorado and died on May 23, 1961 in Fortuna, California.

May Maria Billings and William "Jeff" Jefferson Hollinger Family, ca 1886
William Raymond, Louella, Jeff, May Maria, Jane, and Eva Hollinger

26. Mary Maria Billings (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 26, 1838 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on March 30, 1918 in Hydesville, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

Mary married **William Jefferson Hollinger** on October 7, 1877. William was born in 1846 in Indiana, died on July 6, 1895 in Alameda County, California, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, CA.

Residences: Indiana; West Del Norte, Colorado; Oakland, California

Occupation: carpenter

Enlisted in the Union Army on 1 October 1864
Rank at enlistment: Musician
State Served: Indiana
Service Record: Enlisted in Company E, Indiana 142nd Infantry Regiment on 15 Oct 1864.Promoted to Full Principal Musician.
Released: Mustered out on 14 July 1865 at Nashville, TN.

(Census, U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles 1861-1865, 1895 Oakland California City Directory, California Voter Registers 1866-1898)

From: Findagrave.com

Children from this marriage were:

132 F i. **Eva Rocelia Hollinger** was born on June 11, 1878 in Colorado, died on February 12, 1976 in Santa Rosa, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

133 M ii. **William Raymond Hollinger** was born on April 25, 1880 in Colorado and died after 1918 of Okanogan County, Washington.

134 F iii. **Louella Hollinger** was born on November 12, 1882 in Colorado, died on October 3, 1957 in Eureka, California, and was buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka, CA.

135 F iv. **Jennie Mabel Hollinger** was born on March 8, 1885 in Fortuna, California, died on March 25, 1955 in Eureka, California, and was buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka, CA.

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27. Elizabeth Billings (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 21, 1840 in Henryville, Canada East and died on September 14, 1925 in Eureka, California.

Source for this family is Juleen W. Reed, Ancestry.com

Elizabeth married **David Gillott** on December 25, 1863 in Charles City, Iowa. David was born on August 22, 1840 in Niagara, New York and died on October 6, 1916 in Hydesville, California.

Children from this marriage were:

136 F i. **Mina Gillott** was born about 1864 in Iowa.

137 F ii. **Nettie Alice Gillott** was born on July 13, 1866 in Iowa City, Iowa and died on November 15, 1945 in Sierra City, California.

138 M iii. **Albert David Gillott** was born on June 11, 1876 in Kansas and died after 1900 of Jolo, Phillippines.

139 F iv. **Florence Gillott** was born about 1878 in Kansas.

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28. John Billings (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in November 1842 in Henryville, Canada East, died on January 7, 1902 in Leavenworth County, Kansas, and was buried in Mount Muncie Cemetery, Lansing, KS.

He appears in Drum Creek, Wisconsin 1880 Census with family. Correctly states he was born in Canada.

He appears also in the 1895 census of Leavenworth, KS but says he and his wife were born in KY and IL. And Eva is now called Myrtle, along with LD and LJ (Luther and Leo).

He also appears in 1900 in Leavenworth, KS with his wife Harriet and children Luther and Leo but there's some crazy information changes: born Nov. 1843 in IL, parents born in PA and NY! Harriet E. born in VT in 1849. Luther is the correct age, and born in Kansas. Weird.

John Billings, a native of Canada, was a resident of Niles, Iowa, when he enlisted as a Private on Oct. 19, 1863 at the age of 19 years. He mustered in Co H 4th Iowa Cavalry on Dec. 11, 1863. Billings was discharged for disability at Davenport, Iowa, on July 25, 1865.

John Billings was admitted to the U.S. Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Leavenworth in 1900 at the age of 57. He died from Bright's disease on Jan. 7, 1902.

He applied for his pension July 27, 1865. App #79,395 and Cert #73,614. His wife, Hattie, applied for her widow's pension in Kansas on Jan. 22, 1902. App #755,681 and Cert #537,818.

The obituary of his brother Timothy noted that he had left behind "three brothers and two sisters" but this could be a mistake.

John married **Harriet E. Culver** on October 19, 1868 in Cherryvale, Kansas. Harriet was born on July 7, 1849 in Vermont, died on January 20, 1925 in Leavenworth County, Kansas, and was buried in Mount Muncie Cemetery, Lansing, KS.

Children from this marriage were:

140 M i. **Lester Billings** was born in 1871 in Iowa.

141 F ii. **Bertha M. Billings** was born on April 29, 1873 in Kansas and died on May 31, 1967 in Lansing, Kansas.

142 F iii. **Myrtle Eva Billings** was born on June 15, 1874 in Kansas and died on July 11, 1963 in Leavenworth County, Kansas.

143 M iv. **Luther Billings** was born in 1878 in Kansas and died on December 22, 1953 in Los Angeles, California.

144 M v. **Leo John Billings** was born on March 30, 1881 in Kansas and died on January 31, 1929 in Waterloo, Iowa.

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29. Timothy Billings Jr. (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 6, 1845 in Henryville, Canada East, died on April 8, 1921 in North Fork Valley, Oregon, and was buried in Norway Cemetery, Coos Co., Oregon.

The cause of his death was apoplexy/arteriosclerosis/mitral regurgitation.

His obituary gives a short biography:

Timothy Billings, a Civil War veteran passed away at his home in North Fork valley, a couple of miles east of Myrtle Point yesterday. Buried in Norway cemetery. Mr. Billings was born in Vermont, Oct. 6, 1845 and was 75 years 6 months of age. He moved to Iowa when a young man and when the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Iowa regiment. After the war he crossed the plains with an ox team to settle in the west. He came to Coos county about 20 years ago and settled in the country near the headwaters of the South Fork river, where he resided until a few years ago when he moved to the ranch on the North Fork. He acquired valuable timber and a coal claim. He leaves a widow and a daughter, 9 years old, 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

-- *Southern Coos County American*, April 28, 1921

Biographical data from Findagrave.com says the Billings family moved to Iowa between 1852-56, with Timothy living in Chickasaw County in 1856 and Floyd County in 1860.

Timothy enlisted Aug. 19, 1863 and mustered in Co. D, 4th Iowa Cavalry on Dec. 11, 1863 before transferring to Company H. Mustered out Aug. 8, 1865 in Atlanta, GA.

Timothy married **Catherine Cobough** in 1869 in Floyd County, Oregon. Catherine was born on October 10, 1846 in Pennsylvania, died on October 20, 1926 in Oakland, California, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, CA.

Children from this marriage were:

145 F i. **Daisy May Billings** was born on October 29, 1870 in Iowa, died on June 22, 1946 in San Leandro, California, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, CA.

146 F ii. **Izora Elizabeth Billings** was born on June 27, 1874 in Niles Township, Iowa and died on June 22, 1947 in Siskiyou, California.

Timothy next married **Ida Alice Lewis** on April 16, 1911 in Myrtle Point, Coos Co., Oregon. Ida was born on May 3, 1880 in Butler, Tennessee and died on January 16, 1963 in Eureka, California.

The child from this marriage was:

147 F i. **Marguerite Irene Billings** was born on April 27, 1912 in Myrtle Point, Oregon and died on February 22, 1937 in Fortuna, California.

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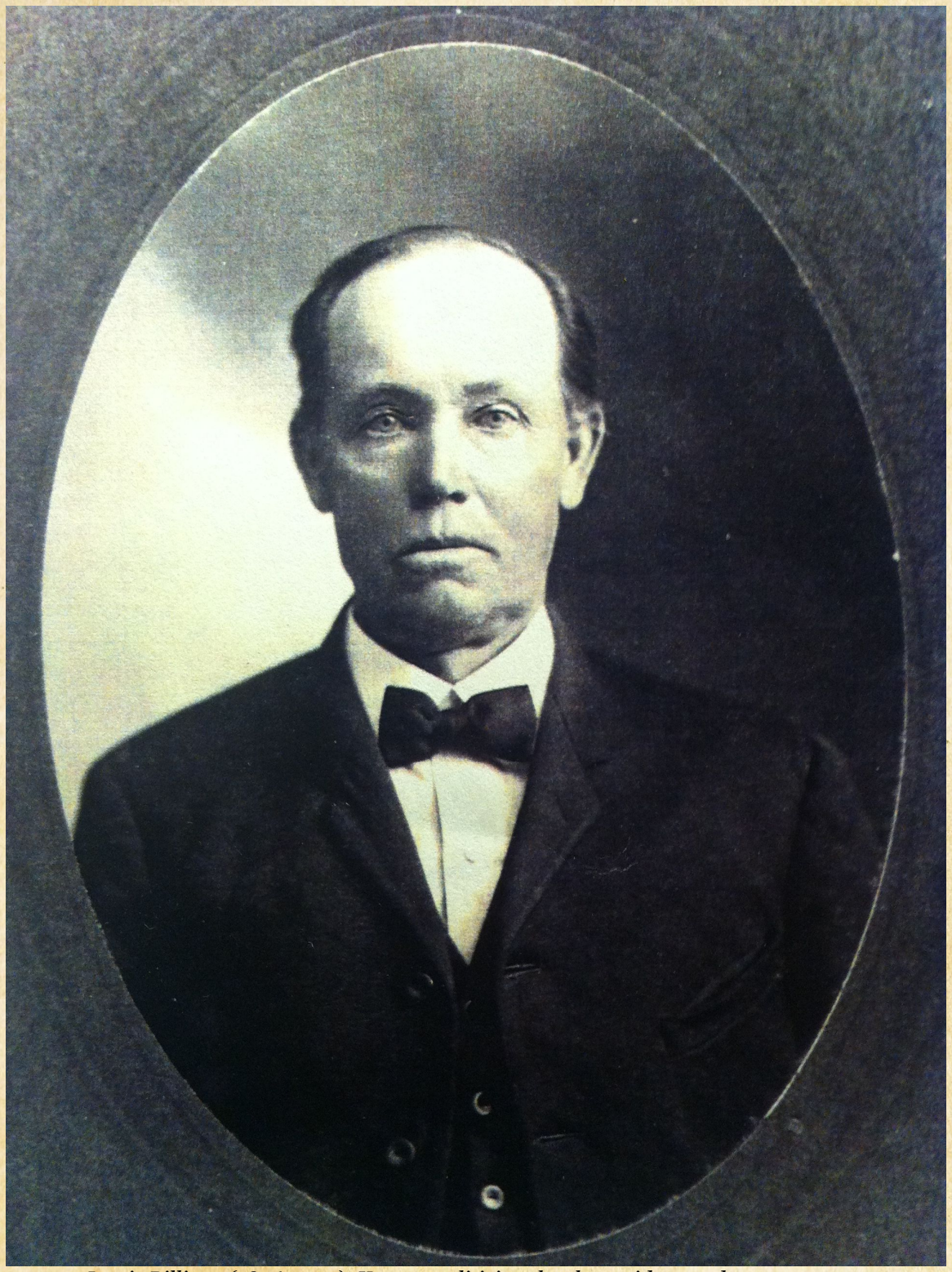
Timothy, Ida and Marguerite Billings c.1914.



Lewis Billings (1846-1933), Kansas politician, bank president and entrepreneur.

30. Lewis Billings (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 6, 1846 in Henryville, Canada East, died on October 14, 1933 in Cherryvale, Kansas, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Cherryvale, KS.

Local Kansas politician, bank president and farmer of Cherryvale, KS, who successfully sued the Santa Fe Railroad company in 1905-07 over both land usage and false arrest after they claimed he stole a bundle of railroad ties. The Evening Star reported Nov. 11, 1913 that he was president of Liberty State Bank and a prosperous farmer of Drum Creek.

Lewis was engaged in politics and seemed to have run in a Democratic Party convention in August 1896 against a McTaggart, possibly his own cousin Daniel McTaggart. (*Daily Reporter* Aug. 23, 1896)

• He worked as a President of Liberty State Bank, and was a farmer.

Lewis married **Lenora Palmer** about 1873.

The child from this marriage was:

148 M i. **Arthur Lewis Billings** was born October 15, 1874 and died in 1953.

Lewis next married **Anna Electa Rowland** on December 31, 1882 in Winfield, Kansas. Anna was born on February 28, 1865 in Reading, Pennsylvania and died on January 31, 1931 in Cherryvale, Kansas. Anna is pictured at right.

Children from this marriage were:

149 M i. **Roy Egbert Billings** was born on December 12, 1883 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on April 6, 1980 in Sacramento, California.

150 F ii. **Sadie Ellen Billings** was born on July 5, 1885 in Cherryvale, Kansas, died on July 24, 1932 in Chico, California, and was buried in Chico Cemetery, Chico, CA.

151 F iii. **Margaret Electa Billings** was born on April 6, 1887 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on April 6, 1959 in Independence, Kansas.

152 F iv. **Anna Louella Billings** was born on September 10, 1898 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on July 31, 1949 in Hydro, Oklahoma.

153 F v. **Bertha May Billings** was born on August 13, 1900 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on September 22, 1945.

154 M vi. **John Henry Billings** was born on December 5, 1901 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on December 2, 1955.

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31. Daniel Billings (*Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 12, 1850 in Henryville, Canada East, died on January 13, 1931 in Fortuna, Humbolt, California, and was buried in Myrtle Grove Cemetery, Eureka, CA.

Daniel a.k.a. David Billings is a mysterious individual. He appears no census records after 1870 until he was recorded as an elderly inmate in the Humboldt County Relief Home in 1930. There's no evidence he was ever married or had any children.

32. Jeanette Billings (*Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in July 1833 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died after 1901 of Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

Likely child of Isaac Billings. According to her marriage record:

Married in Frelisburgh: (Image 44) Register of the Marriage between Ralph Beddard Farmer Stanbridge aged nineteen by consent of Parents and Miss Jennett Billings of St Armand West aged eighteen years by Banns this sixth day of November One Thousand eighth [eight] Hundred and fifty one F. N. Jersey, Minister Husband Ralph Beddard Wife Jennett Billings Witnesses: Charles Beddard; Melendiana? [ILLEGIBLE] Hall

Magloire (farmer) and wife Jennet were enumerated in the 1881, 1891, 1901 census of Sandwich, Essex, Ontario. He was a farmer. 1901 gave their birth dates as July 1831 and July 1834.

Jeanette married **Ralph Bedard** on November 6, 1851 in Frelighsburg, Canada East. Ralph was born on March 2, 1833 in Lower Canada, died on June 27, 1861 of Stanbridge, Canada East, and was buried in Ridge Cemetery, Stanbridge, Québec, Canada.

Ralph S. Bedard who was born in March 1833 died June 27, 1861 and was buried at Ridge Cemetery in Stanbridge, Missisquoi, Québec.
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/119651100/ralph-s-bedard

Enumerated as a farmer in the 1861 census of Stanbridge.

Children from this marriage were:

155 M i. **John Elvin Bedard** was born on May 18, 1856 in Canada East, died in 1912 of Ontario, Canada, and was buried in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Howard, Ontario, Canada.

156 M ii. **Ralph Bedard** was born in 1858 in Canada East and died after 1861 of Stanbridge, Canada East.

157 F iii. **Elizabeth Jessy Wilmy Bedard** was born in September 1860 in Canada East and died on April 20, 1861 in Stanbridge, Canada East.

Jeanette next married **Magloire Parent** in 1861-1865. Magloire was born in July 1829 in Ontario, Canada, died on January 31, 1906 in Essex, Ontario, Canada, and was buried in Assumption Cemetery, Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

The child from this marriage was:

158 F i. **Mathilde Archangel Mathie Parent** was born in June 1866 and died on July 21, 1880 in Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

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33. Isaac Billings Jr. (*Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1835 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died in 1864-1871 of East Farnham, Canada East.

He appears in the 1860 census of Morristown, VT as a farm laborer, b. Canada, age 24, and in the 1861 census of Brome, Québec, a single man, age 24.

Isaac Jr. is last known living in Canada in 1864. He does not appear in the Canada 1871 or 1881 census, or in any U.S. census after 1860, and evidently only had one child, suggesting he died in the mid-1860's.

Isaac married **Anna Palmer** on December 15, 1863 in Granby, Canada East. Anna was born in June 1837 in Lower Canada and died after 1900 of Newton City, Massachusetts.

The child from this marriage was:

159 F i. **Mira Isaaca Billings** was born on October 1, 1864 in East Farnham, Québec, Canada, died in 1953 of Montclair, New Jersey, and was buried in Pleasantdale Cemetery, West Orange, NJ.

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34. Christiana Billings (*Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 1, 1840 in St-Armand West, Canada East and died on April 23, 1916 in Sterling, Massachusetts.

Baptism for several daughters of Isaac & Jeanette recorded at once:

Christiana, born on the first day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty, Maria, born on the thirteenth day of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty three, Eveline, born on the sixth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and fortyseven, and, Catherine, born on the seventh day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty: the above named daughters of Isaac Billings Farmer of St Armand West, County of Missisquoi, District of Montreal and Province of Canada and of Jeanette his wife, born as aforesaid, were baptized in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, on the Twentyfirst day of September One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty by me.

William Scott, Minister
Isaac Billings
Jeanette Billings

George and Christiana Flagg reported marrying in 1859 and moving to the U.S. in 1869 in the 1900 census of Sterling, MA. They had an adopted daughter named Grace Hair.

In the 1920 census her widowed husband George was living with their 65-year-old niece Maud Taylor on a farm in Sterling, MA.

Death cite:

Christiana Billings Flagg, 23 Apr 1916; citing Death, Sterling, Worcester, Massachusetts, United States, certificate number 9, page 9, State Archives, Boston.

Christiana married **George Flagg** in 1859 in Canada East. George was born in July 1838 in Clarenceville, Lower Canada and died in 1922 in Sterling, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

160 M i. **Isaac J. Flagg** was born in July 1860 in Clarenceville, Canada East and died after 1923 of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

161 F ii. **Hattie Elizabeth Flagg** was born in 1863 in Clarenceville, Canada East and died on November 7, 1864 in Clarenceville, Canada East.

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35. Maria Mary Billings (*Isaac[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on July 13, 1843 in St-Armand West, Canada East, died on June 18, 1872 in Fremont, Iowa, and was buried in Hope Cemetery, Waterbury, VT.

Albert and Maria Town are found in the Fremont, Iowa 1870 census right next door to Joseph and Eveline Hastings. Maria may have died there. The family evidently moved back to their father's native Vermont after her death and he remarried in September 1873. Albert was employed as a stone mason.

Marriage:

This is to certify that Albert Town, Farmer in the Township of Granby, County of Shefford, Province of Canada, and Maria Mary Billings of the Township of Brome, in the County of Brome in the Province of Canada, Spinster; were married after the Publication of Banns on this the twenty fifth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two by me.
Aaron Vilas
Albert Town
Maria Mary Billings
Isaac Billings
Cynthia Hasting

Maria married **Albert Daniel Town** on August 25, 1862 in Farnham, Canada East. Albert was born on May 26, 1843 in Waterbury, Vermont, died on November 19, 1893 of Waterbury, Vermont, and was buried in Hope Cemetery, Waterbury, VT.

Children from this marriage were:

162 F i. **Emma Town** was born in 1865 in Canada and died on January 21, 1954 in Dover, New Hampshire.

163 F ii. **Mary Town** was born in 1867 in Michigan and died after 1870 in Iowa.

164 F iii. **Arvilla Town** was born in 1869 in Iowa and died after 1880 of Waterbury, Vermont.

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36. Eveline Billings (*Isaac[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on March 6, 1847 in St-Armand West, Canada East and died after 1900 of Athena, Oregon.
She and her family are found in Iowa (1870), Kimball, Minnesota (1875), Janesville, Minnesota (1885) and Athena, Oregon (1900) census records.

Eveline married **Joseph Hastings** on February 6, 1868 in Granby, Québec, Canada. Joseph was born about 1837 in Canada and died after 1900 of Athena,

Oregon.

Children from this marriage were:

165 F i. **Winnifred Hastings** was born in 1869 in Iowa.

166 F ii. **Josephine Hastings** was born in 1871 in Iowa.

167 M iii. **Marvin Hastings** was born in 1874 in Wisconsin.

168 M iv. **Mahlon Hastings** was born in 1876 in Minnesota.

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37. Catherine Billings (*Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 7, 1850 in St-Armand West, Canada East and died on May 3, 1935 in Eau Gallie, Florida.

She was living with her sister Jeanette Bedard in the 1861 census of Stanbridge, Canada East. Catherine married in Massachusetts in 1869 and had one child before moving to Cicero, Wisconsin (by 1879), then to New York before finally settling in Eau Gallie, Florida by 1900.

Citation for death:

"Florida Deaths, 1877-1939," database, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:FPH5-PVR : 9 March 2018), Isaac Billings in entry for Catherine Billings Taylor, 03 May 1935; citing Eau Gallie, Brevard, Florida, reference cn8000; FHL microfilm 2,135,809.

Catherine married **Charles L. Taylor** on July 5, 1869 in Clinton, Massachusetts. Charles was born about 1848 in Massachusetts and died after 1900 of Eau Gallie, Florida.

Children from this marriage were:

169 M i. **Earnest B. Taylor** was born in January 1873 in Massachusetts and died after 1940 of Eau Gallie, Florida.

170 F ii. **Maud Taylor** was born in 1879 in Wisconsin and died after 1920 of Sterling, Massachusetts.

171 F iii. **Mary G. Taylor** was born in 1885 in New York and died after 1900 of Eau Gallie, Florida.

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38. Caroline Billings (*Isaac², Enoch Jr.¹*) was born in 1852 in Brome Township, Canada East and died before 1910 in Texas.

This well-traveled family left Canada in 1861 (per census account) and lived in Fairfield, Iowa (1870), Seymore, Wisconsin (1874), Blair, Wisconsin (1879) Preston, Wisconsin (1880), Trempeleau Co., Wisconsin (1885), reportedly Texas, and Iowa, Louisiana (1910).

Caroline married **Thomas Jefferson Kellogg** about 1868. Thomas was born in 1846 in Canada West, died on February 2, 1930 in Iowa, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, and was buried in Orange Grove Cemetery, Calcasieu Parish, LA.

Children from this marriage were:

172 F i. **Jessie N. Kellogg** was born on February 15, 1869 in Wisconsin, died on January 19, 1951 in Navasota, Texas, and was buried in Orange Grove Cemetery, Calcasieu Parish, LA.

173 M ii. **John A. Kellogg** was born on September 17, 1871 in Iowa and died in 1971 in Louisiana.

174 F iii. **Edith M. Kellogg** was born in 1873 in Seymore, Wisconsin, died in 1952 in Iowa, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Waterloo, IA.

175 F iv. **Myrtle Kellogg** was born on August 19, 1878 in Wisconsin and died on August 13, 1960 in Houston, Texas.

176 M v. **Elmer Eugene Kellogg** was born on September 4, 1879 in Blair, Wisconsin and died on May 20, 1961 in Houston, Texas.

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39. John Billings (*Isaac², Enoch Jr.¹*) was born in 1855 in Brome Township, Canada East and died after 1870 of Winneshiek Co., Iowa.

He is last confirmed with his parents in Winneshiek Co., Iowa in 1870.

He may be the John Billings, born June 1853 in "Canada--French" who was a single boarder in Manhattan, NY in 1900 census. He reported his parents as both Canadian born and his immigration year as 1887.

40. Abraham Justin Billings
(*Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 17, 1857 in Brome Township, Canada East, died on November 18, 1918 in Cass County, North Dakota, and was buried in Oak Wood Cemetery, Cass County, ND. The cause of his death was influenza.

Abraham is found with his parents in 1880 Census of Cicero, WI, age 22. He does not appear in the 1885 WI state census, and had likely departed Wisconsin by then.

He's found as a single boarder in the 1900 census of Berlin, North Dakota. Correctly reports his birthplace as Canada and his parents as Vermont and Scotland, and his immigration year as 1866. He was a carpenter by trade.

"United States Census, 1900," database with images, FamilySearch (https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:M9VX-75Y : accessed 25 December 2018), Abr J Billings in household of Thomas Shenar, Berlin, Harwood & Rush River Townships, Cass, North Dakota, United States.

Email received from W. Scott Billings Feb. 18, 2019:

"My name is William Scott Billings - b. 1941 son of Chester Arthur Billings, b. in Argusville, N.D. June 10th, 1909, died 2003. His dad, my grandad, shows on my dad's birth certificate as Abram Billings, born in Vermont. Some information I've gleaned is that he was born probably 9/17/1857, and I know, from my dad that he died in the flu epidemic, Nov. 18th, 1918. Family tales, of which there are few, have Abram (middle initial I believe was J.) living in Canada before relocating to Argusville, to run a grain silo along the Red River, where he met my grandmother Ethel M. Scott and married 4/11/1905.

I believe, but not sure, that Abram's parents were Isaac & Janett Billings. I'm hoping you might know more. Appreciate your help. Thanks, Scott Billings, Young Harris, Georgia"

Second email:

"I'm sending you one of two pictures I have that include Abram Justin Billings - note I use the name he used on my dad's birth certificate, but I suppose Abram was used as a shortened form of Abraham. He also stated on that cert. that he was from Vermont, not that he was from (born in) Canada. My dad told me he

was named Chester Arthur (B) because Abram really liked Chester A. Arthur, who was born near Fairfield, close to Swanton. You are correct that Abram is buried in Oak Wood Cemetery, as I have been to the gravesite. It is only obliquely correct that Abram "came down from Canada", which is why my dad searched Vermont, in vain, for his birthplace. It is also interesting, or sad that Isaac died "in the po'house", or a ward of the state, which makes me guess that Jeanette died before him. It also begs the ? as to why one of their children didn't take them in.

"The picture I'm sending you (the other is Abram and Ethel's wedding photo) was taken by Will Scott, one my dad's uncles who owned a photo business. The Scott family moved to Hastings, MN in 1867, from Waterloo Ontario, and was one of the founding families of that area (12 children, of which Ethel was the last,b.1878). This photo was taken July 14, 1914 after the funeral of Annie (Wheeler) Scott (b.1837), the matriarch. Abram is standing, front row, tie and vest, with Ethel, in black, to his left. My dad, Chester, just turned 5, is the boy with the hat and tie. Abram had 4 children. The boy in the frock is my uncle Edgar (3, 1911); the two girls to his left, older sisters, are Evelyn ('07), and Ethel ('06). Edgar had one child, a boy, Douglas, who died in 1959 at age 17 in a hunting accident. Evelyn never married; Ethel died in 1939 of a congenital heart problem, had one son. Everybody else in the picture is part of the large Scott family. When Abram died in 1918, Ethel moved her family back to Hastings, and the kids were raised in the house in the picture. - one cool note: Ethel was the local telegraph operator, one of her associates got sick and she was sent to Argusville to sub for her - which is where she met Abram. She 27, he 48 - I guess pretty common in those days. My Dad became a very renown civil engineer, working on Hoover dam, then moving to the TVA at Pickwick landing(where he met my mom, Evelyn(Gattis) Billings) then he was the chief architect/construction boss at Y-25, one of the 2 buildings that built the atomic bomb(s). Spent my early life there in Oak Ridge, TN. I have one sister, Laura Virginia(Hampton) Billings (b.1943)."

Abraham married **Ethel Mae Scott** on April 11, 1905 in Argusville, North Dakota. Ethel was born on December 5, 1878 in Hastings, Minnesota and died on July 9, 1955 in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

Source: State of Minnesota. Minnesota Death Index, 1908-2002. Minneapolis, MN, USA: Minnesota Department of Health.

Children from this marriage were:

177 F i. **Lola Billings** was born in March 1905 in Argusville, North Dakota.

178 F ii. **Removed**.

179 F iii. **Evelyn Billings** was born in 1907 in Argusville, North Dakota.

180 M iv. **Chester Arthur Billings** was born on June 10, 1909 in Argusville, North Dakota and died in 2003.

181 M v. **Edgar Billings** was born in 1911 in Cass County, North Dakota.

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41. John McTaggart (*Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 15, 1832 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on November 12, 1902 in Axtell, Kansas, and was buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

John was a farmer and worked in a grist mill. He lived in Wolf River (1865, 1870) Liberty (1880) Coronado (1888-89) Liberty (1892) and Murray (1895), Kansas, according to census and Grand Army of the Republic Post reports. Had no children.

John married **Susannah Wilkinson** on January 1, 1867 in Hiawatha, Kansas. Susannah was born on November 27, 1837 in Indiana, died on December 17, 1915 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

Susanna was the daughter of William Wilkinson and Lucinda Jameson Wilkinson. Susanna was a member of the Women's Relief Corps, an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

42. Jane Melissa McTaggart (*Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 3, 1836 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on February 1, 1914 in Fairview, Kansas, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Fairview, Kansas.

Jane married **John Gardiner** in 1860. John was born in 1835 and died on January 12, 1863.

The child from this marriage was:

182 F i. **Hattie Jane Gardiner** was born in August 1861 in Jewett City, Connecticut and died after 1935 of Topeka, Kansas.

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43. Maria McTaggart (*Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 18, 1837 in Henryville, Lower Canada, died on September 12, 1915 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

Maria McTaggart was on June 18, 1837 born in Henryville, Québec, Canada; the daughter of John McTaggart and Mariah Billings McTaggart. Her father, although a farmer, was an officer in the British Army during the Canadian Rebellion of 1837 and died in May/June 1840 as a result of disease contacted during that campaign.

Maria is an unnamed child of Mrs. John McTaggart in the 1842 Census of Canada. She can be found in the 1851 Census of Canada living with her mother, Maria Billings and stepfather, Alexander Nigus.

After her mother divorced Alexander Nigus, Maria McTaggart married Alexander Nigus on February 3, 1873 at Leona, Kansas. They had two children prior to their marriage: Amanda McTaggart Nigus (b. 13 Dec 1854 in Chickasaw Co., Iowa) and Albert Lee McTaggart Nigus (b. 23 Jan 1859 in Leona, Doniphan Co., Kansas).

She moved with her family from Henryville, Canada to Rock County, Wisconsin (1852-54) then to Chickasaw County, Iowa (1854-1855) and to Mower County, Minnesota (1855-Jan.58)-dates may vary somewhat according to land records. She moved to Kansas in 1858.

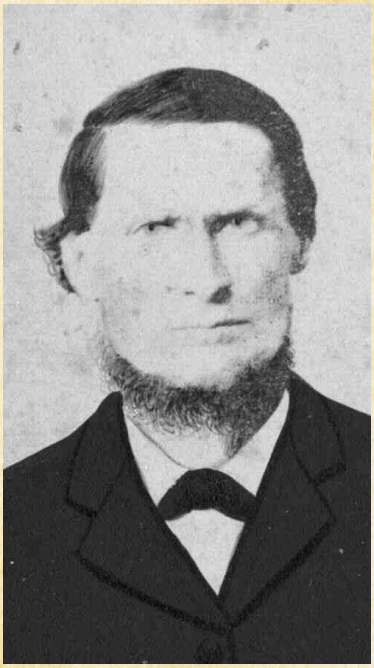
Maria died on September 12, 1915 from typhoid fever at Hiawatha, Brown, Kansas. She is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, north of Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas.

Her headstone inscription was added in 2006 by Fred W. Knecht and Betty L. Knecht Bailes.

Maria's obituary:

Mrs. Maria Nigus died Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12, at 3 o'clock, at her home, 1008 Iowa street, of old age. Mrs. Nigus was 78 years of age and had lived in Kansas since the early fifties. With her husband, Alex Nigus, who died five years ago, Mrs. Nigus came to Doniphan county from Vermont, and settled near Leona. At the time of her husband's death she moved to Hiawatha, where she has since made her home. She is survived by one son, Albert Nigus, of Hiawatha, nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the home

Tuesday morning at 9:30 and the body was taken to Bellview cemetery, one mile north of Leona, for burial.



Maria married **Alexander Nigus** on February 3, 1873 in Leona, Kansas. Alexander was born on June 3, 1828 in Richford, Vermont, died on February 15, 1910 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

Alexander was born on June 3, 1828; the son of Darius Pinney Negus and Amanda Jewett Negus. He was born in Berkshire, Franklin, Vermont. He indicated that he was born in Canada in some Census documents.

Maria Billings Nigus filed a divorce suit against her husband on July 27, 1871, stating in court documents that she had married Nigus on January 1, 1849 and faithfully executed her wifely duties until he committed adultery with her daughter on January 15, 1871 in the family broom shop in Doniphan County, Kansas, as well as Atchinson, Kansas, and St. Joseph, Missouri, during a regional trip the two of them took selling brooms that spanned two or three days; he subsequently abandoned their marital bed. The younger Maria was evidently his bookkeeper, since he was illiterate. His wife further claimed her husband was a habitual drunkard, neglected her when she was sick and bed-ridden for two weeks, and was ill-suited to have custody of their two children. The divorce was agreed to, with Maria retaining the farm and Alex starting a new homestead with her daughter. Nigus married his step-daughter on February 3, 1873.

After Alexander's divorce, Alexander E. (his son) lived with his mother, married Mary Wolfinden, (4 children) moved to Oberlin, Kansas and later moved to California where he died on July 18,1922 in Orange Co., California and is buried in Santa Ana. Mary Ann lived with her mother and died March 22, 1878. Amanda married George Scofield on April 24, 1873 and Albert lived with his parents at Leona until he married Lillie Hill in 1879.

Alexander was a successful farmer, carpenter, owner of a hotel/boarding house in Leona and leased other properties and spent winters sawing and storing ice for summer cooling, and worked later in life as a carpenter. He retired in November 1899.

Alexander died on February 15, 1910 as a result of a stroke which led to paralysis. He was buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery next to his second wife, Maria McTaggart Nigus. Both are buried next to Maria McTaggart Nigus' mother and Alexander's first wife, Maria Billings McTaggart.

OBITUARY:

Alexander Nigus, of Leona, died Tuesday of paralysis. The funeral was held yesterday and the body interred in the Bellevue [Pleasant Hill] cemetery. Alexander Nigus was born in Berkshire Co., VT.[Berkshire, Franklin Co., VT.] on the 23rd day of May 1828 [June 3, 1828 on tombstone]. He was 81 years, 8 months and 15 days old. He came to Kansas 52 years ago and located in Donipan county, where he has resided ever since. He leaves a widow and two children, Mrs. Amanda Schofield [Scofield] of Leona and A. Nigus [Albert] of Hiawatha. He was a member of the Christian church.

Children from this marriage were:

183 F i. **Amanda Nigus** was born on December 23, 1854 in Chickasaw County, Iowa, died on April 29, 1915 in Spokane, Washington, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

184 M ii. **Albert Lee Nigus** was born on January 23, 1859 in Leona, Kansas, died on August 29, 1943 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

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44. Daniel McTaggart (*Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 2, 1840 in Henryville, Canada East and died on August 3, 1897 in Leona, Kansas. The cause of his death was gunshot wound of the chest.

His obituary:

Ex-SENATOR McTAGGART SHOT DOWN

It is with profound sorrow that we record the shooting of ex-senator Daniel McTaggert of Liberty, and of his death, and that his slayer was Henry Sheesley, a well known miller formerly of this city, and lessee of the McTaggart Mill, five miles from this city. Differences had arisen between them about the rent of the mill during high and low water, when the mill did not run, and other minor matters, and McTaggart had brought suit in justice's court and received a judgement for $90 and costs, and had levied upon Sheesley's flour, grain and other property in the mill, and yesterday was the day of sale.

Mr. Sheesley was very bitter over the transaction, denouncing it as a fraud, and

especially so when McTaggart refused to allow the judgment to be credited on a note for $240 which McTaggart had given to Sheesley, but which he claimed was not then due. The fact that the money in the flour and grain being sold, had been raised by Mrs. Sheesley, by mortgage on her only property in Missouri, also added to the intensity of Mr. Sheesley's feelings and he brooded over it and became frenzied. Although ordinarily very quiet and retiring in his manner, he has a high temper and is occasionally violent in his expressions.

Yesterday at 10 o'clock Constable C. A. Davis, with Sheesley and his son, McTaggart and his son, and some neighbors went into the mill and the sale was commenced. The constable had sold one lot, and was standing a little in front of Sheesley who stood a few feet distant from McTaggart, he sat on a sack of shorts and his son on the steps near by. As the auctioneer was crying the second lot, a pistol shot was heard and almost instantly a second shot, and as the constable turned Sheesley's revolver was pointed toward him, he grappled with him, as Mr. Riley and others jumped forward and got the revolver.

Capt. McTaggart attempted to rise but fell forward towards the door from loss of blood. He was assisted out in the shade, placed on a cot in a wagon to be hauled home, about half a mile, but suffered so that he had to be taken out and place in the shade of a tree by the road side. The ball entered near the left nipple and ranged downward. He suffered intensely and feeling that the wound was fatal, sent for Rev. Dr. Wright of this city. Later he was removed to his home where he lingered until 2:15 when he died.

The son "Dot" received the second shot, but ran out of the mill before he knew that he was hurt. The ball struck one hand, grazed the breast, and entered the fleshy part of the other arm, but he is not seriously injured.

Dr. Andress was sent for, and a message telephoned to Sheriff Moses, who started at once with Dr. Evans. In the meantime Constable Davis with C. W. Wingate and Tom McGee brought Mr. Sheesley to town and he was placed in jail. Acting county attorney Bertenshaw had him arraigned before Esq. Gilmore, and Hon. A. B. Clark appeared for the defendant. Bond was placed at (unreadable); on the announcement of death, he was again arraigned on charge of murder in the first degree and re-committed to jail. Later in the day the county attorney Bertenshaw, with Drs. Surber and Davis, held a post mortem examination at the McTaggart residence.

Ex-senator Daniel McTaggart was born in Canada, in 1840, came to America in boyhood, and was living in Iowa when President Lincoln called for 300,000 volunteers. McTaggart early in June 1861, at the age of 21, volunteered in Co. B, 7th Iowa Infantry. He was soon sent to the front and was with Gen. Grant in his first big battle at Belmont, Mo., where 36 out of 48 of McTaggart's company fell dead or wounded. He, with 98 of his regiment was captured and taken to Memphis, and was confined in a loathsome prison four months. After days of starvation and peril he escaped and when 80 miles away, was recaptured, & sent

to Jackson, for 27 days. Then he was transferred to Corinth, and during the battle of Shiloh, he escaped from prison, and made his way to Pittsburg Landing where he rejoined the Union army. At the second battle of Corinth, he was captured a third time, but made his escape that night. At Athens, Ga., with 1,200 others he was captured the fourth time, but got away, and helped to retake the city. He raised a Company of colored troops at Pulaski, Tenn., and was made Captain of Co. G, 3rd U S colored troop, and was on many fields of carnage, and always a brave soldier. At the close of the war he was detailed two years as superintendent of National Cemeteries at Murfreesboro, Nashville and New Albany, and with 300 troops re-interred the bodies of 26,000 fallen comrades.

In 1869 he faced westward, and located among the Osages, and in the following year took prominent part in the organization of our county, was appointed treasurer of the county, and made a great fight in '70 to locate the county seat at Liberty, where they had built a log court house near his 400 acre farm and residence.

The captain came to Liberty with money and a good stock of goods, and prospered. But later lost heavily by crediting the claim takers, and going security, and after the panic of '73 his own losses, security debts and costs aggregated $17,000, which ex-district clerk Harry Dodd says he paid. When he began to recover, he built the mill which proved unprofitable, and with other security debts coming on, he was swamped the second time. He made heroic struggle to save his home but mismanagement was against him and two years ago the fine farm passed into other hands and he became their tenant. He has been prominent in every public improvement in that part of the county, and a leader in nearly every contest for roads and bridges, and always a good citizen.

Capt. McTaggart was elected by the republicans three times to the House and twice to the Senate, serving for twelve consecutive years in the legislature, and gained wide influence in local and state affairs, and was influential in Grand Army circles. Recently he was appointed Regent of the Hutchinson Reformatory. He leaves a devoted wife, a daughter and three sons—the youngest shot at his side.

Henry Sheesley is aged about 56, is a miller, and an old and respected citizen, quiet and industrious, not taking active part in public affairs. Both were good citizens, both members of the Masonic lodge, and both with excellent families. Their wives and children have universal sympathy in their deep affliction. The funeral of Capt. McTaggart tomorrow at 11 o'clock, at Liberty M. E. church in charge of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and Grand Army comrades also attending. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Wright, of Independence.

South Kansas Tribune, June 23, 1902:
Henry Sheesley at Liberty

It is announced that Henry Sheesley who killed Daniel McTaggart in Aug. 1897

will leave the penitentiary today. He was convicted at the November 1897 term of court and on December 15, 1897 was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He has received all the commutation allowed by law for good behavior, and with an additional short commutation by Governor Stanley, is now entitled to his liberty. He has been a model prisoner, has had charge of the penitentiary feed mill, and has been allowed to go and come almost at will. His family now lives in Carthage, Mo., where they are doing well and doubtless he will rejoin them at once.

Contributed by Mrs. Maryann Johnson a Civil war researcher and a volunteer in the Kansas Room of the Independence Public Library, Independence, Kansas.

Daniel married **Maggie Beigle** on June 4, 1866 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Maggie was born about 1840 in Altoona, Pennsylvania and died in 1926 in Liberty, Kansas.

Children from this marriage were:

185 F i. **Hattie J. McTaggart** was born on December 27, 1868 in New Albany, Indiana, died on September 1, 1959, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Coffeyville, KS.

186 M ii. **William A. McTaggart** was born on February 3, 1873 in Kansas, died on May 4, 1899 in Central Luzon, Philippines, and was buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, KS.

187 M iii. **Alton C. McTaggart** was born on December 2, 1878 in Kansas, died in 1960, and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence, KS.

188 M iv. **Daniel McTaggart** was born on August 19, 1880 in Kansas, died on November 11, 1948, and was buried in Oak hill Cemetery, Elk City, KS.

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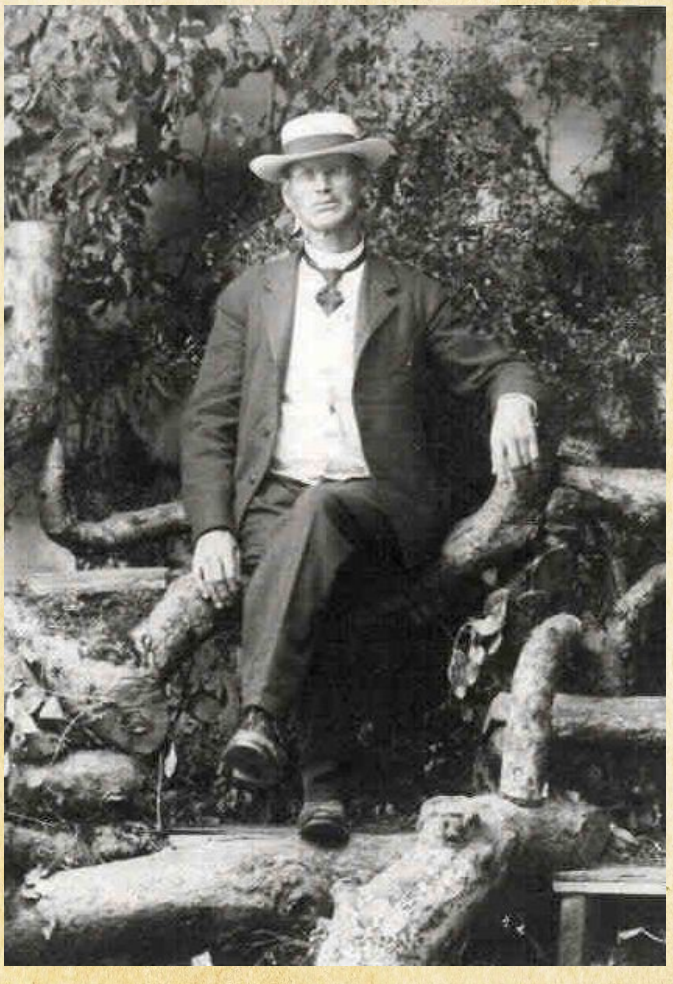
45. Alexander Nigus Jr. (*Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 28, 1854 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on July 18, 1922 in Orange, California.



Alexander married **Mary Wolfinden** on August 18, 1878 in Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas. Mary was born on December 25, 1855 in Tennessee and died on June 17, 1949 in Maywood, Nebraska.

Children from this marriage were:

189 F i. **Ula Leath Nigus** was born on June 3, 1878 in Oberlin, Kansas and died on March 7, 1943 in North Platte, Nebraska.

190 M ii. **Cyrus Nigus** was born about 1880.

191 F iii. **Pearl Nigus** was born on September 27, 1881.

192 F iv. **Zoe Nigus** was born on October 23, 1882 in Oberlin, Kansas and died on December 17, 1979 in Valentine, Nebraska.

193 M v. **Earl Nigus** was born on September 15, 1884 in Oberlin, Kansas and died on October 25, 1884 in Oberlin, Kansas.

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46. Mary A. Nigus (*Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 1, 1859 in Leona, Kansas, died on March 22, 1878 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

47. Albert Billings (*Abraham*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 3, 1855 in Stanbridge, Canada East, died on February 21, 1898 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was buried in Bayonne, New Jersey. The cause of his death was phthisis pulmonalis.

#616 Folio Five Baptism of Albert Billings
Albert Son of Abraham Billings of Stanbridge County of Mifsisquoi, Farmer, and of Rebecca Billings his Wife. Was born on the third day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and was baptized on the fifteenth day of June One thousand eight hundred and fifty six, in the presence of the subscribing Witnefses
By me,
B Hitchcock
Witnefses Abraham Billings
Rebecca Billings

Albert was a lumber salesman in Bayonne, NJ, according to census and other public records. He was married at the time of his death.

Albert married **Harriet E. Dobson,** daughter of **Thomas Dobson** and **Maria Wyvill,** on October 5, 1881 in Bayonne, New Jersey. Harriet was born in August 1858 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died after 1904.

She was either divorced from her second husband before his death, or predeceased him. No record of her death or burial found.

The child from this marriage was:

194 M i. **Albert Newton Billings** was born in 1884 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died in 1946 in Brookline, Massachusetts.

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48. Roxanna Elizabeth Billings (*Abraham*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 18, 1859 in Canada East, died on March 13, 1926 in Asheville, North Carolina, and was buried in Bay View Cemetery, Bayonne, NJ. The cause of her death was myocarditis.

Records indicate they only had two children, only one of whom lived past 1905. In the 1900 census they only had daughter Rosanna, age 8, who is called "Roxy" in the 1905 census of NJ.

Marriage data from "New Jersey Marriages, 1670-1980"

Death data from "North Carolina Deaths, 1906-1930"

Both from FamilySearch.

Roxanna married **Thomas Dobson,** son of **Thomas Dobson** and **Maria Wyvill,** on October 7, 1888 in Bayonne, New Jersey. Thomas was born on March 8, 1853 in Brooklyn, New York, died on March 4, 1941 in Asheville, North Carolina, and was buried in New York Ben Cemetery, Bayonne, NJ.

Children from this marriage were:

195 M i. **Debonneville Dobson** was born on May 8, 1889 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died on May 9, 1889 in Bayonne, New Jersey.

196 F ii. **Rosanna "Roxy" Dobson** was born in January 1892 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died after 1905 of Bayonne, New Jersey.

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49. Nancy M. Pullman (*Hannah Billings*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 19, 1843 in Henryville, Canada East, died on November 28, 1887 in Vergennes, Vermont, and was buried in Prospect Cemetery, Vergennes, VT. The cause of her death was stomach cancer.

It's likely Nancy Pullman never knew her mother, identified as "Hannah" in her marriage record. When her father died in 1855, Nancy was evidently sent to live with her uncle William Pullman in Addison County, Vermont. Within a few years she was already living and working on her own.

In 1860, 17 year old Nancy Pullman was a servant in the home of a John D. Smith in Panton, Addison Co., VT.

In 1870 she worked as a housekeeper for furniture dealer Charles Adams of Vergennes, VT.

In the 1880 census of Vergennes, VT., she reports her birth as 1843 Canada, and reports the births of her parents as VT. and Canada. This bolsters the case that her mother was a daughter of Enoch Billings born after they moved to Canada on July 29, 1817, and not a sister of Sarah Ann Kelley (who was born in NY).

Nancy's late marriage (age 37) was short-lived; she died of cancer at age 44.

Nancy married **Thomas D. V. Fish** on February 26, 1879 in Vergennes, Vermont. Thomas was born in February 1823 in Vergennes, Vermont, died in 1902 in Vergennes, Vermont, and was buried in Prospect Cemetery, Vergennes, VT.

50. Dr. Charles Archibald Billings D.D.S. (*Heman Allen*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 22, 1854 in Minnesota and died on December 25, 1934 in Los Angeles, California.

His California death record and the 1930 census both indicate he was born in Minnesota. He lived in Glendale as a boarder in the census, although there is an Alice R. Billings age 67 in the same residence right under him.

Charles married **Rachel Jane Whinery** on September 7, 1880 in Marshall, Iowa. Rachel was born in 1848 and died on August 12, 1904 in Iowa.

Source: Ancestry.com. Iowa, Select Marriages Index, 1758-1996 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014.

Charles next married **Alice Reynolds** in 1905. Alice was born in 1862 and died in 1963.

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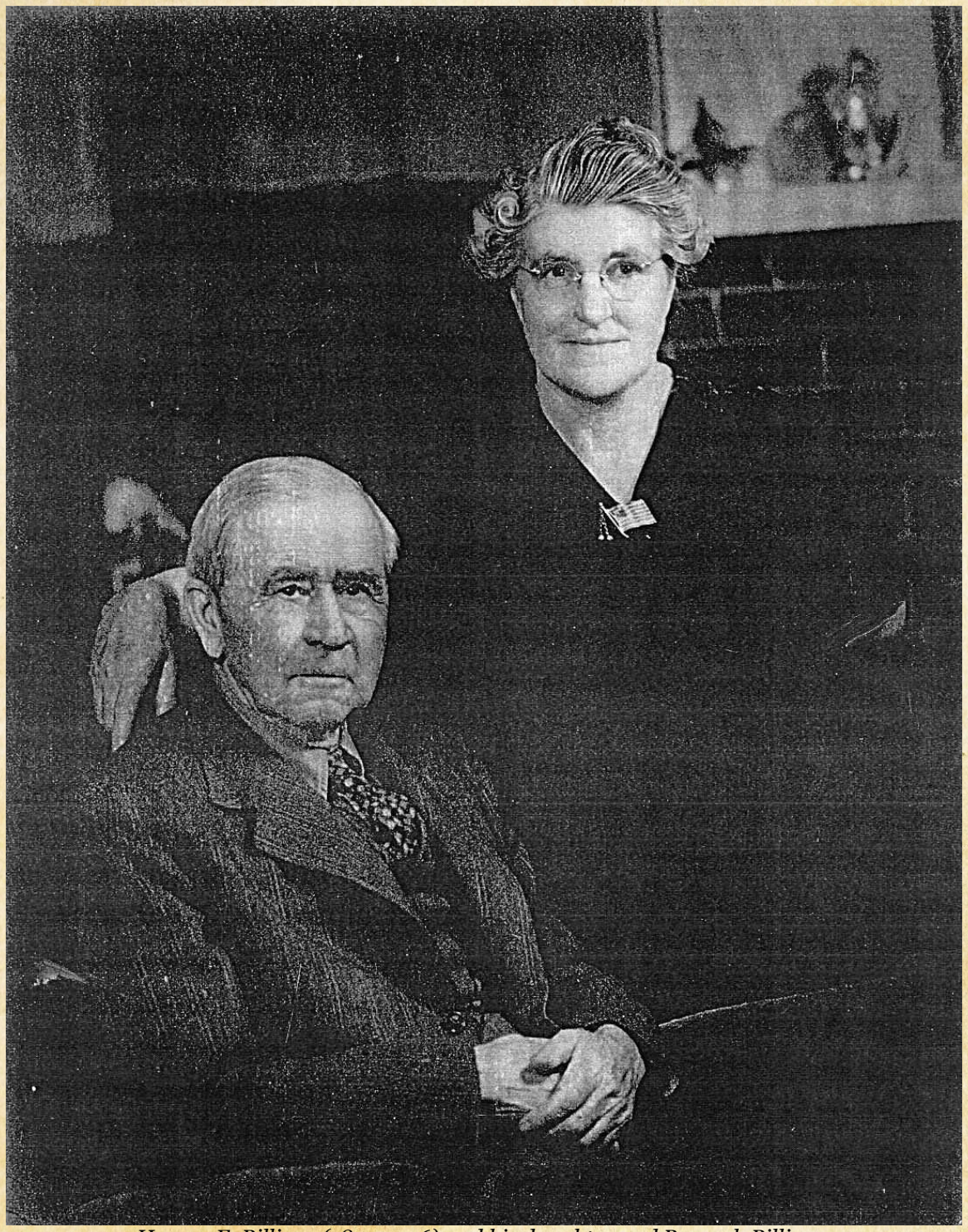
Heman Edgar Billings (see next page)



Heman E. Billings (1857-1946) and his daughter and Burmah Billings.

51. Heman Edgar Billings (*Heman Allen*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 12, 1857 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on August 9, 1946 in Seattle, Washington, and was buried in Evergreen-Washelli Memorial Park, Seattle, WA.

Heman was born in Iowa and worked as a farmer until, reeling from the death of his wife in March 1897 and his three-year-old daughter the following year, he decided on a fresh start and moved to Eddy, Wells County, North Dakota.

Shortly thereafter, (1903-05), he moved to Saskatchewan where he lived for a number of years in Moose Jaw (c. 1903), Asiniboia West (1906), and Maple Bush (1916). He worked as a farmer and a ferryman. Many members of his family followed his movements around the country throughout his life.

By 1919, Heman had retired and moved to the warmer climate of Long Beach, California, and in 1930 lived in South Gate, Los Angeles. After the death of his second wife (1940), he removed to Seattle, where he spent his remaining years.

Heman married **Ida May Maynard** in January 1879 in Cresco, Howard, Iowa. Ida was born on April 24, 1859 in Cresco, Iowa, died on March 24, 1897 in Webster City, Iowa, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Jewell, IA.

Children from this marriage were:

197 M i. **Harry Clifford Billings** was born on November 7, 1879 in Union, Iowa and died on April 1, 1952 in Aberdeen, Washington.

198 F ii. **Bessie Maude Billings** was born on August 22, 1881 in Jewell Junction, Iowa and died on August 11, 1921 in Long Beach, California.

199 M iii. **LeRoy Maynard Billings** was born on January 29, 1883 in Webster City, Iowa and died on June 24, 1965 in Grass Valley, California.

200 F iv. **Burmah May Billings** was born on May 21, 1886 in Jewell Junction, Iowa and died on June 27, 1962 in King County, Washington.

201 M v. **Glenn Howard Billings** was born on December 28, 1887 in Lyon, Iowa and died on May 25, 1973 in Santa Barbara, California.

202 F vi. **Lottie Mildred Billings** was born on March 3, 1889 in Lyon, Iowa and died on February 16, 1963 in Oregon.

203 F vii. **Aggie Fern Billings** was born on June 24, 1895 in Iowa City, Iowa and died on June 16, 1898 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Heman next married **Nell Stephenson** on April 30, 1903 in Eddy, North Dakota. Nell was born on June 7, 1866 in Fesenden, North Dakota, died on July 1, 1940 in Los Angeles, California, and was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA. (She is pictured with her husband below).

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52. Cornelia Billings (*Heman Allen*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1859 in Winneshiek County, Iowa, died on October 24, 1933 in McMinnville, Oregon, and was buried in River View Cemetery, Portland, OR.

Oregon Art Leader Dies – Mrs. Cornelis Mossman Known in All Sections of the State.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Oct. 24. – (Special.) – Mrs. Cornelis B. Mossman, a leader in the development of art and art appreciation in Oregon, died today in the McMinnville hospital. For eight years she was chairman of the art department of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs. She was one of the organizers 28 years ago of the Portland women's art class.

Born in Iowa, she married Dr. Edward P. Mossman in 1881. Eleven years later

they moved to Portland, where they lived for 15 years. They then moved to La Grande, where they stayed 17 years. For the last 2 ½ years they had lived in Amity.

Surviving are her widower, Dr. Mossman; a sister, Mrs. J. R. Ross, Portland, and three brothers, Dr. C. A. Billings, Glendale, Cal.; H. E. Billings, Huntington Park, Cal., and Dr. J. W. Bilings, Van Nuys, Cal. The funeral cortege will leave from the Ladd funeral home at 9 A.M. Thursday for the Amity Methodist church, where services will be held at 11 A.M. Commitment will be in Riverview cemetery, Portland.

[*The Oregonian*, 25 Oct 1933, p12; w/photo]

Cornelia married **Dr. Edward P. Mossman D.D.S.** in 1881 in Iowa. Edward was born on August 18, 1856 in Iowa, died on January 15, 1942 in Forest Grove, Oregon, and was buried in River View Cemetery, Portland, OR.

Edward was a dentist and in 1920 owned his own "dental parlor" according to census records.

His obituary:

Telephone Register, McMinnville, Oregon, Thursday, January 29, 1942

DOCTOR MOSSMAN DIES AT FOREST GROVE HOME

AMITY, Jan. 29 – Dr. E.P. Mossman, former Amity resident, died in the Masonic home at Forest Grove January 15. Interment was in the Riverview cemetery at Portland. Dr. Mossman practiced dentistry here for several years prior to going to Forest Grove about eight years ago.

53. Winnifred Billings (*Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 16, 1861 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on August 29, 1863 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA.

54. John F. Billings (*Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 17, 1863 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on September 6, 1863 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, IA.

55. Dr. John Winfred Billings D.D.S. (*Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 2, 1867 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died on January 5, 1950 of Van Nuys, California, and was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA.

Dr. Billings, a dentist, lived in Fremont (birth to after 1880), Grinnell (1895, 1900), and Poweshiek (1905), Iowa, then lived in Albany, Oregon (1910), Union, Iowa (1915), Fresno, California (1920) and finally settled in Los Angeles (1930) where he spent his remaining years. He and his wife had no children.

John married **Edith L. Barnes** on August 20, 1890 in Union, Iowa. Edith was born about 1868 in Iowa, died on May 6, 1938 in Los Angeles, California, and was buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA.

56. Mabel Louise Billings (*Heman Allen*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 9, 1875 in Fremont Township, Iowa and died after April 27, 1944 of Portland, Oregon.

Birthdate from IA state records; marriage year from 1900 census.

Mabel applied for a membership in the DAR in 1944, giving her birthplace as "near Kendalville, Iowa" and her birthdate as Dec. 9, 1875. Her Dad's birthplace was given as "East Canada" and her mother's as "Mogadore, Ohio."

Mabel married **James J. Ross** on December 3, 1896 in Portland, Oregon. James was born on November 28, 1866 in Beverly, Ohio and died on April 14, 1944 in Portland, Oregon.

His obituary states he was unusually successful in the mill equipment business. His widow and two grandchildren of Portland survived. No children mentioned.

The child from this marriage was:

204 F i. **Helen Mossman Ross** was born on November 24, 1899 in Portland, Oregon and died on June 27, 1938 in Portland, Oregon.

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57. Arthur Orestes Billings (*Heman Allen*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in April 1878 in Fremont Township, Iowa, died in 1897 in Portland, Oregon, and was buried in River View Cemetery, Portland, OR.

Arthur O. Billings suffered from epilepsy. A relative, J. J. Ross, applied on his behalf at the California Home for the Care and Training of Feeble-Minded Children on Sep. 1, 1897. His address was noted as 144 Linn St., Portland, OR. His age was noted as 19 years, 5 months and his condition as "fair epileptic." He was not admitted, and died in the following weeks.

His gravestone in Portland reads "Arthur O. Billings 1878-1897."

58. Melissa Billings (*Lewis*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1853 in Montréal, Canada East and died in 1887 in Leona, Kansas.

She and her husband were enumerated next door to her father in the 1870 census of Westville, NY (he as "Alfred Rogers." The census noted they had been married in March 1870 and that he was a farmer, she was a housekeeper.

Melissa married **Alva Rogers** in March 1870 in Franklin County, New York. Alva was born in January 1848 in New York and died after 1920 of Hiawatha, Kansas.

Census accounts widely vary give his date of birth anywhere from 1848 to 1858, with one claiming January 1852. The earliest census record is 1870 and gives his age as 22.

Children from this marriage were:

205 M i. **Albert Rogers** was born on March 10, 1878 in New York.

206 M ii. **Lute Rogers** was born in April 1879 in Malone, New York and died after 1940 of Topeka, Kansas.

207 M iii. **William Rogers** was born on March 7, 1882 in Leona, Kansas and died after April 25, 1942 of Hiawatha, Kansas.

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59. Alice Billings (*Lewis*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 16, 1857 in Canada East, died on January 4, 1937 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

1860 NY Census gives her age as 4 (b. 1856)

1870 NY Census gives her age as 11 (b. 1859 Canada).

1880 Census of Leona KS gives her D.O.B. as 1857 Canada.

Marriage year from U.S. 1900 Census, which Gives her D.O.B. as Feb. 1857 NY.

Alice married **James W. Hayes** in 1875 in New York. James was born on March 30, 1850 in Flushing, Queens, New York, died on April 24, 1917 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

1880 census gives his D.O.B. as 1854 Canada. 1900 census gives his D.O.B. as Mar. 1851 NY. Corrections given for this family from Jeffrey Lierz.

Children from this marriage were:

208 M i. **Herbert A. Hayes** was born on July 5, 1876 in Franklin County, New York, died on November 4, 1950 of Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

209 F ii. **Sarah Agnes Hayes** was born in December 18, 1878 in Lisbon, New York and died on March 5, 1960 in Pueblo, Colorado.

210 F iii. **Bertha May Hayes** was born on August 5, 1884 in South Dakota, died on October 29, 1935 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

211 F iv. **Ethel Hayes** was born on February 18, 1887 in South Dakota, died on April 12, 1896 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Alice next married **Thomas A. Fitzwater** on November 11, 1920 in Pueblo, Colorado. Thomas was born about 1846.

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60. Jennie Billings (*Lewis*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in July 1868 in Franklin County, New York and died after 1930 of Pueblo, Colorado.

1900 Census of Pueblo Colorado gives her date of birth as July 1860. She is living with her sister Alice Hayes and her family. She reported being divorced in 1900, but widowed in 1910.

There is a Jennie Daniels, age 45 who married a Leonard Hunter, also 45 in Pueblo, CO on Aug. 19, 1919.

Jennie married **Charles A. Daniels** on November 21, 1884 in Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas. Charles died before 1910.

Children from this marriage were:

212 M i. **Carl Byron Daniels** was born on March 19, 1886 in Kansas and died after April 1942 of Denver, Colorado.

213 F ii. **Nellie Daniels** was born in September 1887-1889 in Kansas and died before June 1, 1926 of Colorado.

Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

61. Israel Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 21, 1849 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on May 15, 1850 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of his death was fever.

Medical Notes: Cause of death recorded in 1861 census.

62. Marguerite Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 22, 1851 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on February 5, 1852 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of her death was consumption.

Medical Notes: Cause of death recorded in 1861 census.

63. Alphonsine Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 7, 1853 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on February 22, 1853 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of her death was roseola.

Medical Notes: Cause of death recorded in 1861 census.

64. Julie Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 14, 1854 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died in 1921 of Plainfield, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Julie married **Joseph Ferlant** on October 16, 1876 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada. Joseph was born on April 2, 1851 in Canada, died on March 29, 1915 in Plainfield, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 214 F i. **Mary Ann Ferlant** was born about 1885 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada and died after 1920.

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65. Marie-Stephanie Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 18, 1856 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on March 20, 1857 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East. The cause of her death was grippe (influenza).

Medical Notes: Cause of death listen in 1861 census. John apparently misunderstood when the census-taker said he needed names of family members who died over the preceding year—he instead named all of his dead children and gave causes of death.

66. Henry G. Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 27, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on September 1, 1923 of Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Henry married **Stephanie-Emmeline Allard,** daughter of **Julien Allard** and **Marie-Stephanie Billings,** on January 19, 1881 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada. Stephanie-Emmeline was born on June 22, 1864 in Compton, Canada East, died on January 7, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

Gravestone says she died Jan 7 1885, age 20 years, 6 months, 15 days. She was married to her first cousin.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 215 F i. **Marie-Gertrude Billings** was born on December 19, 1881 in Canada and died of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

+ 216 F ii. **Marie-Helene Billings** was born on January 2, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on August 7, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec

Henry next married **Emma Dubois** on April 5, 1891 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada. Emma was born in August 1872 in Sherbrooke, Québec, Canada, died in 1934 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 217 F i. **Helen Billings** was born on April 16, 1893 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on November 30, 1948 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 218 F ii. **Marie-Antoinette Billings** was born on September 15, 1894 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on April 6, 1983, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 219 M iii. **Arthur Thomas Billings** was born on December 4, 1895 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on April 29, 1933 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 220 F iv. **Blanche Billings** was born on October 2, 1898 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 2, 1987, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 221 M v. **George Billings** was born on January 26, 1899 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on July 25, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

+ 222 F vi. **Marie Rose Beatrice Billings** was born on October 2, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on January 27, 1901 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

+ 223 M vii. **George H. Billings** was born on February 14, 1902 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on August 2, 1963, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 224 M viii. **Armand Billings** was born in 1904 in Webster, Massachusetts.

+ 225 M ix. **Joseph Leo P. Billings** was born on January 30, 1905 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on May 17, 1905 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

+ 226 F x. **Marie Leonore F. Billings** was born on February 2, 1906 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 23, 1910 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacret Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

+ 227 F xi. **Cecilia Billings** was born on November 22, 1907 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 11, 1988 in Punta Gorda, Florida, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 228 F xii. **Pamela Florence Billings** was born on April 16, 1909 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 31, 1941 in Middletown, Connecticut, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 229 F xiii. **Loretta Gertrude Billings** was born on January 28, 1911 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on February 16, 2002 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT.

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67. Edward Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 21, 1860 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on July 15, 1932 in Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Edward married **Aurore Remillard**. Aurore was born on December 24, 1864 in Canada East, died on April 8, 1944 in Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 230 M i. **Joseph-Isidore Billings** was born in 1884 and died in 1884.

+ 231 M ii. **Wilfrid V. Billings** was born on April 27, 1885, died on January 29, 1962, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 232 F iii. **Victoria Billings** was born in 1889.

+ 233 M iv. **Joseph A. Billings** was born on October 20, 1891, died on January 10, 1971, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 234 F v. **Marie A. Billings** was born on November 9, 1895, died on June 14, 1973, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 235 M vi. **John B. Billings** was born in 1897.

+ 236 M vii. **Francois Billings** was born in 1899.

+ 237 F viii. **Anna Billings** was born in 1900.

+ 238 F ix. **Theresa Billings** was born on November 5, 1903, died on September 30, 1973, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 239 M x. **Arthur Billings** was born in 1906.

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68. Georges-Napoleon Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 25, 1862 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died in 1883.

69. John Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in February 1870 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada and died on June 14, 1900 of Webster, Massachusetts.

Occupations reportedly farmer (1891) and mill operative (1893) in St-Alexandre, Québec and a mill worker in Webster, MA in 1897 before picking up the baking trade by the 1900 federal census. He and his wife reportedly immigrated to Massachusetts in 1895.

John married **Philomene Patenaude** on November 4, 1890 in Iberville County, Québec, Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 240 M i. **Victor John Billings** was born on August 7, 1892 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada, died on August 2, 1973 in Westborough, Massachusetts, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, MA.

+ 241 F ii. **Rosario Billings** was born on December 21, 1893 in Webster, Massachusetts.

+ 242 M iii. **Joseph-Alvan Billings** was born on September 17, 1895 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on March 14, 1951 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

+ 243 F iv. **Marie-Anna A. Billings** was born on August 26, 1897 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on December 12, 1910 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, MA.

+ 244 F v. **Marie A. Billings** was born on September 21, 1899 in Webster, Massachusetts and died on May 1, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts.

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70. Marie-Louise Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1873 in United States, died in November 1881 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada.

71. Joseph Oliver Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 20, 1874 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on April 12, 1918 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

Employed as a loom fixer in a cotton mill. Since he was reportedly born in MA long before his parents finally moved there in 1893, it seems the family was there periodically to work in the mills much earlier in their history.

Children, per cemetery records:

Marie A S Billings b. 3 Feb 1902
Ida L Billings b. 22 Jun 1904, d. 28 Aug 1990
Arzelia Billings b. 21 Aug 1906, d. 21 Aug 1906
Joseph O Billings b. 31 Mar 1908, d. 1 Apr 1908
Anita Alphonsine Billings b. 22 Sep 1910, d. b 28 Aug 1990
(?) Billings b. 20 Apr 1914, d. 20 Apr 1914
Rita L Billings b. 25 Jun 1916, d. 7 Nov 2008

Joseph married **Ida Forand**.

72. Rose Anna Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 7, 1875 in Iberville, Québec, Canada, died on October 22, 1909 in Dudley, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

Rose married **Louis Gevry** on May 7, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 245 M i. **Louis Gevry Jr.** was born on September 5, 1901 in Webster, Massachusetts.

+ 246 M ii. **Napoleon L. Gevry** was born on June 11, 1904 in Webster, Massachusetts.

+ 247 F iii. **Louise A. M. Gevry** was born on August 31, 1905 in Webster, Massachusetts.

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73. Azilda Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 3, 1878 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada, died in 1945 of Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Employed as a sewer for the government.

Azilda married **Michael Fortier**.

74. William-Wilfrid Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 13, 1879 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada and died before April 6, 1891 in Canada.

75. Joseph-Cyril Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 7, 1881 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada, died on February 8, 1951, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Worked as a spinner in a woolen mill.

Joseph-Cyril married **Elonie B. Chenail**. Elonie was born on January 3, 1882, died on September 25, 1956, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 248 M i. **Theodore Billings** was born on July 9, 1905, died on May 17, 1906, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 249 M ii. **Joseph Louis Billings** was born in 1905 and died in 1906.

+ 250 M iii. **Joseph Arthur Billings** was born on September 26, 1906, died on December 2, 1984 in Rogers, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

+ 251 M iv. **Eugene Frank Billings** was born in 1907 and died in 1961.

+ 252 F v. **Marie Louise Billings** was born in 1909 and died in 1909.

+ 253 F vi. **Jeanette Rosanna Billings** was born in 1913.

+ 254 M vii. **George Sylvio Billings** was born in 1919 and died in 2002 in Connecticut.

+ 255 M viii. **Henry Theodore Billings** was born on January 1, 1921 and died on March 16, 2000 in Windham County, Connecticut.

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76. Edgar Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 14, 1883 in St-Sebastien, Québec, Canada and died on June 2, 1889 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada.

Born Joseph-Honore-Ligouri Billings, according to parish records.

77. Maria Louisella Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 26, 1885 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada, died on June 10, 1970 in Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Spooler in a woolen mill (1900 Webster, MA) and a dressmaker by 1906. Her gravestone gives her name as Maria Billings Roy and gives her dates as Jul. 27, 1887 - Jun 10, 1970.

Maria married **Pierre Massey** on April 16, 1906 in Webster, Massachusetts. Pierre died before January 1, 1920 of Webster, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 256 M i. **Oliva H. Massey** was born on August 16, 1907 in Killingsworth, Connecticut and died on March 9, 1944 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 257 M ii. **Ulysses Hector Massey** was born on May 15, 1909 in Connecticut and died on August 25, 1964 in Masons Island, Connecticut.

+ 258 M iii. **Oliver Aldemarde Massey** was born on September 4, 1911 in Connecticut and died on April 9, 1957.

Maria next married **Joseph Ophenez Roy** on June 1, 1930 in Dayville, Connecticut.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 259 M i. **Gerard P. Roy** was born on July 10, 1932 and died on June 29, 2009.

78. Adhemar-Joseph Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 14, 1887 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada, died on October 6, 1950 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in St. George Cemetery, Southbridge, MA.

He was a rounder in a shoe shop.

Adhemar-Joseph married **Pamela Guay** on June 6, 1910 in Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Pamela was born on March 8, 1884 in Canada, died on March 27, 1975 in Boylston, Massachusetts, and was buried in St. George Cemetery, Southbridge, MA.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 260 M i. **Armand Joseph Billings** was born on November 14, 1912 and died on January 31, 1988 in Webster, Massachusetts.

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79. Pierre-Adelard Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 29, 1890 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada and died in May 1964 in Webster, Massachusetts.

Also known as "Albert."

Pierre Adélard Billings was a rounder in a shoe shop at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 9 May 1910. He was listed as a shoe maker for B A Corbin & Son at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 5 June 1917, and as a sole cutter in a shoe factory at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 4 April 1930. Pierre Adélard Billings was single on 24

April 1940 according to census records. He was employed by Headway Show Corp at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 27 April 1942.

80. Joseph Arthur-Michel Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 17, 1892 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada and died on March 20, 1892 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada.

81. Francois Billings (*John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in January 1893 in Canada and died after 1900.

82. Marie-Philomene Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 17, 1854 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on April 19, 1855 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East.

"Sept. 24, 1854: Marie-Euphemie Billings nee depuis sept jours d'un marriage contract devaution magistrat avec Etats Unis autre Abraham Billings and Marguerite Langlois cette de paroisse."

Evidently Marguerite was pregnant and they had a shotgun marriage contract with a magistrate in the U.S. just seven days before their first child was born. They were formally wed in Canada in January 1855.

83. Alphonse Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 13, 1856 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on February 24, 1871 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

84. Marie-Emma Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 5, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died after 1900 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Emma immigrated to the U.S. in 1896, per census records. Her husband was a carpenter.

She may be the Emma LaBonte who died in Fall River, MA in 1927.

Marie-Emma married **Albert John Labonte** on July 11, 1892 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada. Albert was born in Canada East and died after 1900 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Hey may be the John Albert Labonte who died in Uxbridge, MA in 1941, or the Albert Labonte who died in Worcester in 1909.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 261 M i. **Joseph Alphonse Labonte** was born on April 20, 1893 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada and died on May 11, 1951 in Newington, Connecticut.

+ 262 M ii. **Horace Labonte** was born on May 20, 1895 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada and died on October 14, 1895 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada.

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85. Charles "Peter" Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 26, 1860 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died in 1927 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

He seems to have been called "Pierre Billings" in a baptism document of his son Hector in 1897.

He may be the Peter Billings who appears with wife Lucy (both Canadian) and children in US 1910 census, Worcester, MA:

Peter Billings Head M 48 Canada
Lucy Billings Wife F 43 Canada
Emma Billings Daughter F 18 Massachusetts
Leo Billings Son M 16 Massachusetts
Anthony W Billings Son M 13 Canada
Nora A Billings Daughter F 8 Canada

Peter was a carpenter and worker of odd jobs in Worchester, MA.

Charles married **Lucie Taschereau** on February 7, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Lucie was born on February 21, 1863 in Canada East and died in 1934 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Charles worked as a fitter in a gown shop.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 263 F i. **Emma C. Billings** was born on December 16, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died in 1968.

+ 264 M ii. **Leo Albert Billings** was born on October 1, 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts, died in December 1967 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was buried in Howard Street Cemetery, Northborough, MA.

+ 265 M iii. **Joseph Wilfrid Antoine Billings** was born on April 18, 1896 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died on April 3, 1955 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

+ 266 M iv. **Joseph Hector Adelard Billings** was born on August 25, 1897 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died on September 16, 1902 in Granby, Québec, Canada.

+ 267 F v. **Maria-Albina Billings** was born on August 8, 1898 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died on October 10, 1906 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 268 F vi. **Marie-Narcisse Billings** was born on May 1, 1901 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died about 1933.

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86. Georges-Guillaume Billings (*Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on January 21, 1862 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died on January 7, 1942 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Employed as a mechanic and carpenter at a car works. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1883.

Georges-Guillaume married **Rosanna Roberts** on November 20, 1887 in Northborough, Massachusetts. Rosanna died on December 3, 1953 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 269 M i. **Arthur R. Billings** was born on February 15, 1892 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on November 22, 1934 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 270 M ii. **Henry W. Billings** was born in July 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on October 17, 1918 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 271 M iii. **Walter Billings** was born on July 19, 1894 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died before June 1, 1900 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 272 M iv. **Romeo Billings** was born in 1896 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 273 M v. **Claudio Lorenzo Billings** was born in 1900 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 274 M vi. **Albert R. Billings** was born in 1904 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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87. Infant Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 4, 1864 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on February 4, 1864 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

88. Marie-Emelie Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 20, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died before October 14, 1889 of Granby, Québec, Canada.

She appears as Julia Billings in the Canadian census of 1881.

Marie-Emelie married **Alfred Scott** on January 6, 1885 in Granby, Québec, Canada. Alfred was born on March 12, 1863 in Canada East and died after June 3, 1933 of Granby, Québec, Canada.

At his 1885 marriage the record noted he was domiciled at Putnam, Connecticut and was the son of Henry Scott and Louise Beanfac.

Emelie died in 1888-89 and Alfred remarried on October 14, 1889. In the record of his remarriage, it was noted that Alfred was the widow of the late Emelie Billings. His second wife's name was Emma Belanger. They had children Freddy Donalda, Adelard, Rose Alma and Victorine and appear to have remained in the Granby area.

• He worked as a Chef.

89. Rose de Lima Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 20, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on February 4, 1895 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec.

Rose married **Edmond Lapointe,** son of **Joseph Lapointe** and **Julie Malbouef,** on January 13, 1890 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada.

An Edmond Lapointe, 52, laborer, with two girls Rosario and Emilie ages 15 and 13, crossed the border at St. Albans, bound for Waterbury, CT in June 1907. Last permanent residence was "Actonvale" and had lived in US before for a year and a half at Woonsocket, RI.

This Edmond was apparently back in Canada by 1916, listed "Actonvale" as

birthplace and noted he had a daughter "Mrs. Osear Gauther" in Drummondville, Québec

90. Mary Jane Billings (*Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 17, 1869 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died in 1893-1910 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

At the time of her marriage, Jane "Jennie" Billings lived in Webster MA where she worked as a mill operator. Her marriage took place in Webster and noted her parents as Abraham and Margaret Billings. She evidently didn't live long, as her husband was remarried in 1910.

Mary married **Joseph Jean Baptiste Robert** on February 20, 1887 in Webster, Massachusetts. Joseph was born on February 28, 1864 in St-Jean-Baptiste, Canada East and died before 1939 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 275 M i. **Arthur Robert** was born on June 18, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on June 19, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

+ 276 M ii. **Claudio Robert** was born on April 15, 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on December 16, 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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91. Marie-Odile Marguerite Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 14, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on April 17, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, and was buried in St-George Parish Cemetery, Henryville, Canada East.

92. Malvina Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 8, 1862 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died after 1871 of Granby, Québec, Canada.

Malvina was enumerated as "Mary Beline" in her father's household in the 1871 census of Canada:

Province of Québec, County of Shefford, Canton of Granby, 1871, pg 46:

Beline, Henry age 30, b. PQ, French, occupation Setre...?
Beline, Margaret, 28, b. PQ, French can read and write (her husband could not)
Beline, Mary, 9 b. PQ
Beline, Henry, 7 b. PQ
Beline, Arthur, 5 b. PQ
Beline, Audilla, 4, b. PQ

No further mention of her. She is not named in her father's obituary, nor in any other records ever found. Given that she seems to be the only family member absent in the 1889 family photo celebrating the marriage of Emma Billings, she was likely deceased before then.

The Billings brothers, c.1893, Manistique, Michigan. From left are Felix, Onésime, Henry, George and Antoine. Seated in front is Arthur Billings.

<u>93. Henry Edward Billings</u> (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 14, 1864 in St-Alexandre, Canada East, died on May 25, 1939 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was buried in Wisconsin Memorial Park, Brookfield, WI.

Baptized as "George Henri Beliene" on May 15, 1864 in St-Alexandre, Iberville, Canada East, Henry moved with his parents to Manistique, Michigan in 1887 at the age of twenty-three. The family remained there until 1894 or early 1895, when they returned to Granby, Québec. Henry rented at a few different homes in Granby with his wife and daughter, where he worked as a laborer, renting at the home of Louis Pare on Albert St. (1896), and later as a cabinet maker, renting at 221 Main St. (1902). The 1901 census of Granby, Québec gives his date of birth as May 14, 1863, but 1864 is confirmed by his baptism record. The 1871 census also gives an implied birth year of 1864.

Henry left Canada between 1903 and 1908 and moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he lived off and on for the next several years. He was reported living in Chicago in his father's 1908 obituary, but by 1914, Henry was living in Pigeon Hill, Québec,

per an immigration record of his mother that names him as “Edouard Belisle.”

Henry was recorded leaving Canada via the St. Albans port on May 1, 1919 bound for 3158 North Clarke Street, Chicago, Illinois (Henry lived there as a boarder while working as a contractor). He was carrying $25. His last permanent residence was recorded as St-Therese-de-Blainville with his mother, whom he reported as being his nearest living relative. He reported being in the United States previously, from 1887 to 1919 in Illinois, and journeyed back to Canada to escort his aging mother across the border. His brother, James was recorded crossing the border into Vermont from Canada only the previous day, apparently after a final visit with his mother, who was moving to Michigan. Henry reported that he was married, but the fact that he was living in a boarding house suggests his marriage had at least informally ended before this point. The immigration record gave a physical description of the unusually diminutive man: Henry was described as fifty-four years old, dark complexion, black hair and blue eyes, and standing only 5'3.”

Henry was a contractor, living a bachelor life from at least 1919 in a rented room owned by Tillie LaParle. No wife or children were recorded with him in the 1920 census, and he reported himself a widower. Per the 1923 Chicago city directory, a “Harry Billings” rented a room at 3158 N. Clarke, which was the address of the Lakeview Bachelor Apartments, an apartment building above a bank that *The Economist* reported on Aug. 21, 1915 was leased and renovated by the same Tillie LaParle. Henry may have changed his name or it could have been misprinted, but its clearly the same man.

Henry seems to have had the same experience as his brother George-- he self-reports being widowed in 1916, married in 1919, but less than a year later claims to be a widower again living in a boarding house, his two young daughters nowhere to be found. Henry may have taken to drinking like George and his wife left him and took their children. Or its possible he was actually widowed sometime before 1916.

He is last mentioned in the Dec. 6, 1934 edition of the *Escanaba Daily Press* newspaper as having visited with his sister and friends in Manistique, Michigan.

In the parish records of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin there is a Henry E. Billings, widower, who died May 25, 1939 in Milwaukee. He lived at 4836 West Woodlawn Court in the city and was buried in Wisconsin Memorial Park. Given that his daughter Irene lived in Milwaukee at the time, and her husband’s father was from Scotland (which would explain the Presbyterian faith) this is almost certainly him. His gravestone reads “Henry E. Billings/Father/1863-1939.”

• He worked as a carpenter and contractor.

Henry married **Mary Waldroff,** daughter of **Adam Waldroff** and **Angeline LaBlonce,** on January 13, 1891 in Manistique, Michigan. Mary was born on November 4, 1875 in Canada and died before 1916.

Mary's fate after the family moved to Chicago is unknown. Her husband reported that he was widowed in 1916, married in 1919, widowed again in 1920, and was again reported widowed in his 1939 burial record.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 277 M i. **Clifton Henry Billings** was born on June 2, 1892 in Manistique, Michigan, died on April 10, 1961 in Vero Beach, Florida, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

+ 278 F ii. **Irene Billings** was born on March 12, 1895 in Granby Québec, Canada and died on April 26, 1961 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

+ 279 F iii. **Marie-Olive Billings** was born on July 21, 1903 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died after April 1961.

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The Billings brothers. A quirky studio photo likely taken in the late 1890s that is open to interpretation. Henry E. Billings is at upper left, smoking a pipe and holding what appears to be money; Arthur, at far right, has his hand outstretched to take it; Onésime and Antoine appear to be wrestling (or dancing) while George, at bottom left, has a pocket watch out as if timing the whole thing.

94. Edward Arthur Billings (*Henry³, John², Enoch Jr.¹*) was born on March 15, 1866 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on December 31, 1926 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI. The cause of his death was myocarditis.

Arthur settled in Manistique, Michigan in 1887 and remained there for the rest of his life. He was a painter by trade. He is buried along with his mother and family in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI.

Medical Notes: His death certificate states "died at the wheel of his automobile + had been doctoring for heart trouble-- myocarditis."

Edward married **Mary Michault,** daughter of **Jean Baptiste Michaud** and **Sophia Coté,** on September 2, 1890 in Manistique, Michigan. Mary was born on March 25, 1874 in Québec, Canada, died on October 13, 1933 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI. The cause of her death was cerebral apoplexy.

In the 1920 US census of Manistique, Michigan, her occupation was given as "saleslady."

Medical Notes: Death information and date of birth from death certificate.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 280 M i. **William Billings** was born on March 7, 1892 in Manistique, Michigan and died on August 6, 1892 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 281 M ii. **Victor Billings** was born on May 11, 1893 in Manistique, Michigan, died in 1954, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 282 F iii. **Eva Billings** was born on October 17, 1894 in Manistique, Michigan and died on June 25, 1897 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 283 F iv. **Clarena Billings** was born on June 8, 1897 in Manistique, Michigan and died in January 1982 in Escanaba, Michigan.

+ 284 F v. **Marie Billings** was born on April 5, 1901 in Manistique, Michigan and died on September 8, 1906 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 285 F vi. **Irene Billings** was born on July 13, 1904 in Manistique, Michigan and died on November 26, 1974.

+ 286 M vii. **Raymond Billings** was born on May 24, 1913 in Manistique, Michigan, died on June 1, 1965, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

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95. Marie-Exilda Rosalie Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 26, 1868 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on November 5, 1925 in Rougemont, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Parish Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

Baptized "Marie-Azilda-Rosalie Billings" on Feb. 2, 1868.

Lived in Rougemont, Canada, near Granby. Buried in old cemetery Notre-Dame "Cowie St." Granby. They have a little stone for their young baby on the lot but no stone for the parents.

The recollections of Hortense Billings:

"I remember they came two times to see us. They have a sun [sic]. We don't know if at Rougemont they live on a farm, maybe a small farm with apples they come to see us when they came to Granby to deliver apples and strawberry, she said he had a small basket of apples prepare to bring us and she forget to take it with them. Same thing when she come to deliver strawberry, but what she did not forget the time for dinner. At that time they have no electric stove it was wood and no frig [refrigerator] we have ice box. The last time they come they have her son with them and her girl friend, my aunt did not invite them (they also have a cousin, side of Billings)."

The last time Hortense saw her Aunt and Uncle Rodier:

"We went to the cemetery, by the time they be down my aunts ask them if they want to stop to the house to have lunch, they said they have no time, we never see them after, at the cemetery just the little stone are still there."

Marie-Exilda married **Eugene Rodier,** son of **Calixte Rodier** and **Malvina Jodoin,** on October 30, 1887 in Webster, Massachusetts. Eugene was born on October 12, 1865 in St-Pie-de-Bagot, Canada East, died on September 9, 1932 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Parish Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

His baptism record at St-Pie and the 1901 census give his birth date as Oct. 12, 1865. Death certificate states Oct. 5, 1866.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 287 F i. **Rose-Alma Rodier** was born on September 18, 1888 in Canada, died on March 21, 1896 in St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Parish Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

+ 288 M ii. **Joseph Eugene Fedora Rodier** was born on August 23, 1900 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died after 1965 of Laurier, Québec, Canada.

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96. Marie-Emma Billings (*Henry³, John², Enoch Jr.¹*) was born on August 16, 1871 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on May 2, 1957 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI.

Emma was sixteen when her family moved to Manistique, Michigan in 1887, and she would remain there the rest of her life. She was wed to millworker Adelard Lachapelle in Manistique and had 8 known children.

Marie-Emma married **Adelard-Joseph Lachapelle,** son of **Louis Lachapelle,** on August 6, 1889 in Manistique, Michigan. Adelard-Joseph was born on November 15, 1861 in Canada, died on October 12, 1925 in Manistique, Michigan, and was buried in Lakeview Cemetery, Manistique, MI. The cause of his death was myocarditis.

Adelard was a baker at the time of his marriage and later worked in a mill.

Medical Notes: Death certificate states Adelard "dropped dead in street suddenly while talking to friend, no physician in attendance. Postmortem condition suggests myocarditis."

Children from this marriage were:

+ 289 F i. **Leda Lachapelle** was born in 1890 in Manistique, Michigan and died in 1925 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 290 F ii. **Lea Lachapelle** was born on January 20, 1894 in Manistique, Michigan and died on June 15, 1907 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 291 F iii. **Laura-Malvina Lachapelle** was born on January 17, 1896 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 292 F iv. **Lena Lachapelle** .

+ 293 F v. **Lela Lachapelle** was born on October 19, 1900 in Manistique, Michigan and died in March 1984 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 294 F vi. **Beatrice Lachapelle** was born in 1905 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 295 F vii. **Laurina Lachapelle** was born in October 1909 in Manistique, Michigan.

+ 296 M viii. **Leonard Lachapelle** was born in 1911 in Manistique, Michigan and died on November 25, 1913 in Manistique, Michigan.

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Onésime Billings and Donalda Robitaille, c.1898. Cabinet card by Benoit, Studios, Granby, Québec, Canada.

97. Onésime Wilfrid Timothie Billings (*Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on June 15, 1873 in St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Québec, Canada, died on March 29, 1923 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of his death was pulmonary embolism.

Baptized "Onésime Wilfrid Timothie Belland" on June 15, 1873, the day of his birth, in the parish church of St-Paul-d'Abbotsford. From 1899, Onésime was called James Billings.

Onésime grew up a traveler, moving from one town to the next with his migrant parents in both Canada and the United States. Like his father and his brothers, he was bilingual, having grown up in or near Granby, West Shefford, Coaticook and Abbotsford, Québec, Lewiston, Maine and Manistique, Michigan, where he lived from age thirteen to twenty-two.

Around 1894, his father finally settled in Granby, opening a bakery. Onésime worked there before moving to Stanstead, Canada to learn properly the trade of baking. He later returned to Granby and at the age of twenty-four married Donalda Robitaille on October 25, 1898 at the church of Notre-Dame. (The original church burned down shortly after and was rebuilt in 1903).

At twenty years old a slim, attractive girl with light blue eyes and long, curly hair, Donalda Robitaille was born on September 15, 1878 the eighth of the ten children of Louis and Virginie Robitaille. Donalda's father was a farmer and longtime resident of Granby, and though he could neither read nor write, he spoke both French and English. The Robitaille family spent half of every year in the United States, moving to Lincoln and Woonsocket, Rhode Island during the winter, where Louis worked in a mill. Despite her American exposure, Donalda, like her mother and most French-Canadian women of the time, spoke only French.

After their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Billings rented at the home of the groom's father at 457 Main St. in Granby, working in the bakery. (Note: The 1899 Granby valuation is the first time in records he is called "James" Billings instead of Onésime). In 1901, they moved down the street to 425 Main St. The following year they moved again, renting with his brother, George at a home owned by Joseph Langevin at 452 Main St. Like his father, Onésime went wherever the work was, moving on when it was gone. Mr. and Mrs. Billings left Granby in 1903, moving to Magog, Québec, where two of their children were born.

After spending about two years in Magog, the Billings's moved again, first back to Granby, then across the border to the United States. In April 1907, Onésime moved to St. Albans, Vermont to live with his younger brother, Felix at his Lake St. home. On April 15, two of his daughters, Alice, two and Cecile, aged four months were recorded crossing the Canadian border into Vermont, presumably with their mother and two older siblings. They settled in St. Albans and remained there for about two years, living at several different rented houses, the first being

at 32 Cedar St. (They also lived at 6 Huntington St. and 163 Lake St.)

Mr. Billings, who in Vermont was called "James" to avoid butcherings of his unusual first name, worked typically six days per week for various small bakeries in the city, including the Arcade Oligny Bakery on Lake St. and later the Guay Bros. Bakery. Baking work was spotty and subject to slowdown-- James and family moved frequently as their family grew, with another child born every two years. They left St. Albans in 1909 and moved north to Swanton, where they lived on 3rd Street. Here too, James worked in a bakery. The Billings's remained in Swanton for about five or six years before returning again to St. Albans in 1914.

Though James and the kids spoke mostly English, as he dealt with mostly English-speaking people and they attended Vermont schools, Mrs. Billings spoke only French, and according to her children, forbade any of her family to speak English to her. She seldom went out in public except to shop, at which time she took her daughter, Cecile along to translate for her. Cecile had adapted to English quickly, and as she got older forgot most of the French she had grown up speaking.

The Billings kids, which eventually totaled eleven, frequently went down the street to the bakery to visit their father at work. Daughter Hortense recalled, while his back was turned they grabbed handfuls of cream puffs off the table and ran away with them.

The Billings family lived in a small, two story home next to a railroad track at 29 Nason Street upon their return St. Albans. It was in this house that the family was struck by a succession of sudden deaths, the first of which was of eight-year-old Lillian. A victim of the worldwide influenza pandemic that arrived in the United States towards the end of World War I, she passed away on November 5, 1918. She was buried in Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery in St. Albans.

The loss of her child deeply saddened Donalda; her daughter Hortense's only memories of her mother were of washing clothes in an old-fashioned tub while the tears streamed down her cheeks after Lillian's death.

Sadly, Mrs. Billings did not outlive her daughter by very long. On June 10, 1919, Donalda gave birth to her eleventh child, a daughter named Gertrude Marie (later Gabrielle), at the family home. A persistent pain in her abdomen followed, and three days later she died at home at 8:30 in the evening of what was noted as an "acute intestinal obstruction following labor." Donalda's intestine had become twisted during the birth. She was somewhat overweight and wore very tight corsets, the height of fashion of the day, which may have contributed to the condition.

Shortly after the funeral, when the baby was just six or seven days old, she and two older sisters, Hortense, only five years old and Rolande, two, were put on a train by their father and sent to Granby to live with their mother's sister, Dora

Daviau, who had no children. They did not have to go through Customs, as their father knew the inspector. The three girls were educated in French and would remain in Canada the rest of their lives. Their relocation, the latest in a succession of heartaches for their father, was primarily for Yvonne, who at age eighteen had to assume her mother's role as manager of the household.

Their father brought the rest of his clan to Canada twice a year to visit them. Thanks to his association with the train inspector, they were allowed to pass freely between the United States and Canada each time, though James had never become an American citizen. Dora and husband Alcedor Daviau took good care of Hortense and Gabrielle, while Rolande was taken care of by two aunts, Virginie and Roseanna, and uncle Adelard Robitaille. Adelard was single and owned the small farm that used to be his father's. When they reached old age, Rolande took care of the three of them.

Tom Billings got his first job as a teenager going to work at the bakery with his father. Cecile and Alice were taken out of school to help take care of the younger children. With Donalda gone, English became the main language of the household, and when Cecile went with her family on one occasion to visit the three girls in Granby, she was found sitting under a tree by her aunt Dora. When Dora asked her what was wrong, Cecile said "I'm lonely" because unlike the rest of the family, she had lost her fluency in French and had been accidentally ostracized.

When the Eighteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect on January 16, 1920, prohibiting the production or sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States, people all over the United States were outraged. Bootlegging became the rage on several scales, from the alcohol-importing cartels of Al Capone to small-time bathtub brewers that lived in any given suburb. James Billings was one of the latter; like many Catholics, he had no love for the anti-alcohol puritans that saw the passing of the Volstead Act, and started making his own beer in tubs in his basement, according to his daughter Hortense. He was not alone, according to William McSorley, then of the AFL: "You will find that the workingmen of this country, 90 per cent of them, are either making wines, beer or whisky out of every known vegetable and fruit that exists. Everyone has his own special concoction. They even make wine out of parsnips and such stuff." The local police force knew well his activities but gave him no trouble, as they were among his most frequent customers. His lawbreaking was especially daring, as he nor his Canadian-born children ever became American citizens, and could have been deported at any time.

James worked through the winter of 1922-'23 at Guay's Bakery, but in March 1923 suffered an accident at work when he was caught in a bread mixing machine. He seemed to have recovered, but on the morning of Thursday, March 29, 1923, he awoke feeling ill. He decided to call in sick, but while walking about the household around noon, he complained of chest pain and suddenly collapsed. One of the children called a doctor, who pronounced Mr. Billings dead at 12:30

PM. His shockingly early death, at only age forty-nine, was attributed to a blood clot in a lung. The recent injury was listed as a contributing cause.

With another death in the family, the Billings's again were forced to improvise. Yvonne, only twenty-two, was left to take care of a family of seven; Tom became the bread winner, working at the bakery. To lessen the burden, she sent Doris to live in a convent. At only eleven years old, Doris decided very quickly she hated it, and cried so frequently that Cecile and Alice went and got her and rented an apartment in St. Albans for the three of them. Tom moved into a house at 280 Lake St., and he and brother Henry continued the family occupation at the local bakeries. Yvonne kept only Beatrice, then five years old, and remained at her father's home on Nason Street until her wedding to Ernest Marquette, a twenty-three-year-old machinist in October 1923. The first of their own children, Donald, was born August 13, 1924. For the rest of her life, Beatrice called her oldest sister "Ma." Below are pictured the children of James and Donalda Billings in 1959.

James Billings (far left) at work. Date unknown.

James Billings and his children, Granby, Québec, Canada, 1920. Back row from left: unknown relative, Yvonne, James, and Tom. Middle row: Henry, Doris, Cecile, Rolande, and Alice. Front: Hortense, Gabrielle, and Beatrice.

Medical Notes, derived from immigration records:
Height: 5'6"
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Build: Medium

Onésime married **Donalda Robitaille,** daughter of **Louis Robitaille** and **Virginie Chaput,** on October 25, 1898 in Granby, Québec, Canada. Donalda was born on September 15, 1878 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on June 13, 1919 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was volvulus during childbirth.

Baptized "Florina Donalda Robitaille." She grew up in her native Canada and Rhode Island, where her father, a farm laborer most of the year, brought the family while he worked in the textile mills. Despite having spent much of her youth in the United States, Donalda never learned English, and would forbid her children to speak it with her, taking her daughter Cecile to the grocery store to translate for her.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 297 F i. **Yvonne Irene Billings** was born on September 17, 1900 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on March 31, 1999 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 298 M ii. **Thomas Fredora Billings** was born on June 22, 1902 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on January 20, 1971 in East Hartford, Connecticut, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 299 F iii. **Alice Irene Billings** was born on July 29, 1904 in Magog, Quebéc, Canada, died on March 14, 1991 in Colchester, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 300 F iv. **Cecile Lucienne Billings** was born on December 4, 1906 in Magog, Quebéc, Canada, died on July 5, 1989 in Enfield, Connecticut, and was buried in St. James Cemetery, Manchester, CT.

+ 301 M v. **Henry Felix Billings** was born on September 7, 1908 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on September 26, 1968 in Burlington, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 302 F vi. **Lillian M. Billings** was born on February 7, 1910 in Swanton, Vermont, died on November 5, 1918 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 303 F vii. **Doris Bernadette Billings** was born on January 14, 1912 in Swanton, Vermont, died on July 4, 1988 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 304 F viii. **Hortense Germaine Billings** was born on August 30, 1913 in Swanton, Vermont, died on May 31, 2004 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Mgr Pelletier Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

+ 305 F ix. **Rolande Lorraine Billings** was born on November 22, 1915 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on July 5, 2007 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Mgr Pelletier Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

+ 306 F x. **Beatrice Monica Billings** was born on August 20, 1917 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on August 22, 1993 in Burlington, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

+ 307 F xi. **Gabrielle Donalda Billings** was born on June 10, 1919 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on December 7, 2016 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Mgr Pelletier Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

98. George Joseph Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 19, 1876 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada, died on December 17, 1940 in St. George, Utah, and was buried in St. George City Cemetery, St. George, UT. The cause of his death was cardiac failure/stomach cancer.

George was baptized as Julien-Josué Billings on May 22, 1876 at St-Edmond in Coaticook, Stanstead, Québec. His godparents were Julien Allard and Stephanie Billings, his father's sister and brother-in-law, who also resided in Coaticook at the time.

George was raised as the son of a traveling millworker and farm hand and grew up in constantly shifting settings with his large family, moving with his family to Manistique, Michigan in 1887. He did not return with them to Granby circa 1894, preferring to remain with his brother, Arthur, in Manistique until 1899 (or 1901 by another account).

Upon returning to Granby at age twenty-four, George worked at his father's

bakery as a baker and delivery boy before moving to Cookshire, Québec. Like his brother Onésime, he learned the baking trade, later switching to brick masonry by 1910; the ever-restless George would attempt several different careers throughout his life. George also played cornet with his brothers in the 79th Battalion Marching Band of Granby.

The 79th Battalion Marching Band of Granby. George Billings sits in front of bass drum.

According to information from descendant Sarah Koske, George had a vigorous and charismatic character. He met Emelie Leroux, who was from a wealthy family in St-Cesaire, while delivering bread to their house. Emelie had a stern, strong character but was charmed by George's fun and easy-going nature. The two were wed in 1903.

George took his wife and two young daughters and departed Canada forever on October 3, 1906 at St. Albans port. He mistakenly listed his birthplace as West Shefford, PQ; age 29, baker, of Canadian nationality. His last permanent residence was Cookshire, Québec. He reported as having previously lived in the United States "17 years, from 1884 to 1901 at Manistique, Michigan" though another source says 1881 to 1899. His reported destination was Butte, Montana, where he is also reported to be living in his father's obituary (1908). His height was 5'6", his complexion ruddy, brown hair, blue eyes.

George had gotten the prospector's itch and moved to Butte, Montana to work in

the St. Lawrence mines. His marriage quickly began to dissolve, however, because he spent much of his free time drinking and gambling and leaving his wife alone with their two children. Emelie later told a story that she had to brandish a shotgun to get rid of train robbers who had stopped at their house looking for water while her husband was away. Emelie's frustration with her husband became unbearable-- George often came home late at night dead drunk, and the final straw for Emelie was one day in 1910 when George, who was chopping wood while intoxicated, knocked over a lantern and set part of the house aflame.

The fire was put out but Emelie had had enough. She left him in Montana, took most of their valuables, including his family photos, and left him for good. Emelie and the children stayed with a friend overnight before boarding a train back to Canada. Emelie ended up in Holyoke, Massachusetts where she worked in a textile mill, sending the children to live with relatives and in a convent until they were older. The children saw their mother only twice a year until they were fifteen, when they started working. Both she and George would later claim to have been widowed, and never spoke to each other again.

George never remarried. He seems to have spent the remainder of his life bouncing around the western states. He registered for the draft in 1917 while living on a farm in Burns, Oregon, working as a farmer and sheep herder; by 1930 he had relocated to Monticello, Iowa. In 1935 he moved to St. George, Utah, where he spent his last years working as a common laborer, finding himself locked up periodically for petty crimes.

George died in St. George on December 17, 1940 and was buried alone, his death certificate stating that he was a widower and had been a resident for about five years, dying from cardiac failure as a result of a battle with stomach cancer. His grave remains unmarked. For years afterward, Emelie kept a photo of George on display in her home and told her grandchildren, "that is your grandfather, George. I loved him but I couldn't live with him."

• He immigrated on October 3, 1906 to Butte, Montana.
• He worked as a baker, brick mason.
• He was described as 5'6", ruddy complexion, brown hair, blue eyes.

George married **Emelie Leroux** on June 23, 1903 in St-Cesaire, Québec, Canada. Emelie was born on July 21, 1880 in St-Cesaire, Québec, Canada, died on

July 13, 1977 in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and was buried in Precious Blood Cemetery, South Hadley, MA.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 308 F i. **Marie-Artemise Germaine Billings** was born on June 2, 1904 in St-Cesaire, Québec, Canada, died on February 16, 1993 in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and was buried in Precious Blood Cemetery, South Hadley, MA.

+ 309 M ii. **Oza William Billings** was born in 1906 in St-Cesaire, Québec, Canada, died on February 25, 1967 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chicopee, MA.

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99. Anthony Victor Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 22, 1879 in Lewiston, Maine, died on November 26, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

Baptized "Joseph Eulyseppe Antoine Billings" on January 22, 1879 at St. Peter and Paul Church in Lewiston, Maine, godson of Victor Carignan and Emma Demers (his mother's sister and brother-in-law) and named for Eliuseppe Garneau, his mother's brother-in-law, he would most of his life be known as Antoine or Anthony Victor Billings, or "Tony" for short.

After his father settled in Granby in the mid-1890s, Antoine and his younger brother Felix took up the printing trade, Felix moving to Vermont and Antoine moving to Chicago in the first few years of the twentieth century. In 1920 he was living in Los Angeles, California at 1193 Seventh St., but returned to Chicago by 1930, where he spent the rest of his life. In the census of that year he is recorded with his wife and daughter as being a renter at 847 Cornelia St. He died at the age of 70.

1949-11-27
Chicago Tribune (IL)
BILLINGS
Anthony V. Billings of 3505 N. Wolcott avenue, beloved husband of Goldie, nee Henry; fond father of La Rue Mullen, dear brother of Emma La Chapelle and Felix. Funeral Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., from funeral home, 3905 Lincoln avenue, to St. Andrew's church. Interment All Saints'. Member of Typographical union, No. 16.

Anthony was buried Nov. 29, 1949, age 70, Section 19, block 8, Lot N6 of 38 Grave 2. Goldie was buried Jan. 16, 1971, age 84, same location Grave 1.

• He worked as a printer/type setter.
• He immigrated in 1882 (USA to Canada).

Anthony married **Goldie Henry,** daughter of **James Henry** and **Nancy Quitho,** on November 22, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois. Goldie was born on February 18, 1884 in Iowa, died on January 13, 1971 in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

1971-01-15
Chicago Tribune (IL)
Billings
Goldie Billings, beloved wife of the late Anthony; dear mother of LaRue Mullen; grandmother of Maureen. Services Saturday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m., at Matz Funeral Home, 3440 N. Central Av. Interment All Saints.

Death records of Cook Co., IL give her death date as Jan. 13, birth date as Feb. 18, 1896. 1884 comes from several census records.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 310 F i. **LaRue F. Billings** was born on May 29, 1914 in Chicago, Illinois, died on January 10, 2013 in Schiller Park, Illinois, and was buried in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

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100. Marie-Annie Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 14, 1882 in Lewiston, Maine, died on November 20, 1882 in Oxford, Maine, and was buried in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Lewiston, ME.

101. Félix Ernest Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 11, 1884 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on March 12, 1955 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and was buried in St. Bernard's Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA. The cause of his death was virus pneumonitis/coronary sclerosis.

Felix learned the printing trade as a young man, moving from Granby, Québec to Swanton, Vermont in 1904 or 1905 to work as a compositor for the *St. Albans Messenger*. By 1907 he had moved to St. Albans, living at a rented house on 105 Lake St. His parents came to live with he and his wife Berthe in early 1908, and his aged father died in his house at the "corner of Lake and Elm."

Between 1910 and 1914 Felix removed to Fitchburg, Mass., continuing his work as a linotype operator for the *Fitchburg Sentinel*, a local newspaper he appeared in frequently and worked for until his death. He was a member of the local

typographical union, having joined around 1911 or earlier. As of September 1914, he lived at 64 Carey St, but by 1920 had relocated to 25 South St; a decade later he moved to his longtime residence at 71 Center St. He was also an avid bowler and baseball player (serving frequently as umpire in the 1940's), evidenced by entries in the *Fitchburg Sentinel* until 1945. He also vacationed at Hampton Beach (*Fitchburg Sentinel*, Sep. 13, 1922).

Felix had visited his brother James in St. Albans during Christmas 1922 season, according to the *St. Albans Messenger*, returning home Dec. 28.

On Aug. 29, 1933 the *Fitchburg Sentinel* reported that Felix Billings had recently returned from a vacation in Chicago, where he visited a sister he had not seen in 40 years (presumeably Emma Lachappelle, which would indicate the last contact they had was around 1893-94, when Henry took his younger children back to Granby).

On Aug. 9, 1937, Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Billings of Chicago had left for home after visiting Mr. Billings's uncle, Felix E. Billings of 71 Central St. They visited again in August 1939, and left for New York City. (Note: Clifton was b. 1892 and lived at 7853 Essex Ave. Chicago. His wife, Frances, chaired the Pan-American Study Commission. Clifton was the son of Henry E. Billings).

On Oct. 23, 1943 Felix was robbed of five pounds of corned beef while walking near his home. Two sailors were charged with theft and turned over to a military court. Felix related the incident to a friend at the *Fitchburg Sentinel*, who quickly penned a poem he titled "The Ballad of Billings" published in the Oct. 27th edition:

The Night was dark with a hint of sleet
When Felix walked a Fitchburg street
Homeward bound after one full day
With his Sunday meat and most of his pay.

He came to a corner extra dark
Where he met two sailors out on a lark
Two sailors fresh from the ocean blue
Thirsty and broke, which is nothing new.

Our Felix was filled with a vague alarm
As they eyed the package under his arm
There wasn't a cop within sight or call
And Felix, who's elfish and passing small
Thought to himself "If I'm smart and wise
I'll shoot the breeze with these two guys."
"Hey bud, we'll see what you got here"
"O its nothing" he said "just a quart of beef."

Just a quart of beef! In Fitchburg found
They promptly knocked Felix down
And clutching the package close, they fled
Leaving our Felix practically dead.

Lying inert on the pavement stones
A quivering mass of flesh and bones
What under the stygian starless sky
There arose a fearful hue and cry
And the search was on for the blue-clad sinners
Who had fled with at least two Billings' dinners.

They found them-- they didn't go very far
Toeing the rail of a nearby bar
And they told the grim-faced Fitchburg chief
They never had touched the Billings beef
He let them finish their little drink
Then he threw the pair of them in the clink.

Disgraced , And it looks indeed to some
They'll be scrubbing a deck for weeks to come
While Felix recovered, tapping the keys
Muses: “What dangerous days are these!”

And brushing the hot bread off his vest
Vows, never again will he speak in jest.

Felix continued umpiring for the Fitchburg baseball team until around 1945, shortly after the death of his second wife. He remarried a third time to Gretchen Driessen and died at Burbank Hospital in Fitchburg after a bout with pneumonia on March 12, 1955, age 71.

• He immigrated 1904/1905 (Canada to VT) about 1905 to Vermont.
• He worked as a newspaper printer/compositor.

Félix married **Elisabeth-Sophie Geoffrion,** daughter of **Euclide Geoffrion** and **Rosanna,** on June 18, 1906 in St. Albans, Vermont. Elisabeth-Sophie was born on January 2, 1882 in Lowell, Massachusetts, died on May 17, 1920 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and was buried in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA.

She was reportedly a singer and pianist, according to a brief mention in the *St. Albans Messenger* in July 1908. She played during an early silent film performance at the nickel theater of the Waugh Opera House.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 311 F i. **Lorraine A. Billings** was born on December 14, 1909 in St. Albans, Vermont and died in August 1989 in Auburn, New Hampshire.

+ 312 M ii. **Euclide Felix Billings** was born on June 18, 1916 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, died on August 2, 1963 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA.

Félix next married **Ruby M. Wilson** on September 18, 1922 in Hanyston, New Hampshire. Ruby was born on February 4, 1882 in Ashland, Massachusetts and died on June 27, 1944 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. She is pictured at right.

Félix next married **Gretchen Driessen** in 1951 in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. Gretchen died after March 1955.

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102. Infant Billings (*Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 14, 1886 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, died on August 14, 1886 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in St-Francis-Xavier Cemetery, Bromont, Québec.

103. Julien Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 17, 1861 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East and died after 1921 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

Called "Julius" in the 1901 census, he was a painter by trade and living with his wife and daughter, next door to his parents in Rockville, Québec.

Julien married **Mary**. Mary was born on June 4, 1874 in Canada and died after 1921 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 313 F i. **Grace Allard** was born in 1900 in Québec, Canada.

+ 314 F ii. **Valentine Allard** was born in 1904 in Québec, Canada.

+ 315 F iii. **Renée Allard** was born in 1905 in Québec, Canada.

+ 316 F iv. **Marie Allard** was born in 1909 in Québec, Canada.

+ 317 M v. **Julius Allard** was born in 1912 in Québec, Canada.

Julien next married **unknown**.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 318 F i. **Blanche Allard** was born on February 9, 1886 in Canada and died after 1901 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

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104. Stephanie-Emmeline Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 22, 1864 in Compton, Canada East, died on January 7, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

Her gravestone says she died Jan. 7, 1885, age 20 years, 6 months, 15 days. She was married to her first cousin.

Stephanie-Emmeline married **Henry G. Billings,** son of **John Billings Jr.** and **Marie Patenaude,** on January 19, 1881 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada. Henry was born on February 27, 1858 in St-Georges-de-Henryville, Canada East, died on September 1, 1923 of Dayville, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

(Duplicate Line. See Person 66)

105. Marie Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1866 in Canada, died on March 1, 1889 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

106. Eugene Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 23, 1869 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died on January 22, 1936 in Verdun, Québec, Canada.

His three sons were baptized in Stanstead.

Eugene married **Marie-Rosanna Gauthier** on January 7, 1901 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada. Marie-Rosanna was born on January 27, 1877 in Canada and died after 1921 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 319 M i. **Joseph-Eugene Allard** was born on February 16, 1902 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada and died on October 5, 1944 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

+ 320 M ii. **Antoine-Louis Allard** was born on December 10, 1904 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, died on February 7, 1905 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

+ 321 M iii. **Joseph-Rosaire-Julien-Philippe Allard** was born on February 10, 1907 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada and died after 1921 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

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107. Elie Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on July 7, 1871 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada, died on November 8, 1892 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

108. unnamed Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on September 8, 1873 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died on September 8, 1873 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada.

109. Henry Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on July 8, 1874 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died after 1911 of Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

Unmarried and living with his mother, Fannie in the 1911 census of Stanstead, Québec He is not in the 1921 census.

110. Marie-Anne Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on February 17, 1877 in Coaticook, Québec, Canada and died after 1901 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

Her godmother was Marguerite Demers Billings, who was also in Coaticook at the time.

She may be the Marie Allard who married Moses Beauford in Lewiston, Maine on Nov. 29, 1901. Both born in Canada. He was employed as a weaver and she a mill operator. She was 22, he was 26. (Per 1900 census he was born July 1874). His name in French is Moise Bouffard. He was the son of Narcisse of Levis, Québec This couple seems to disappear from records and were never enumerated in any census in the US or Canada.

111. Caroline-Claire Allard (*Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on July 3, 1883 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, died on April 18, 1884 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

Godparents were Henry Billings and Melanie Fournier.

112. George Henry Billings (*Joshua S.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 19, 1875 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, died on April 6, 1902 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH.

He was enumerated as Henry in the 1880 census and George in the 1900 census. His grave gives his name as George H. Billings.

113. Mary Louise Billings (*Joshua S.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in October 1876 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts and died on May 7, 1947 in Grafton, Ohio.

Mary married **Frank Marren** on August 9, 1899 in Lorain, Ohio. Frank was born in 1863 in Xenia, Ohio and died in 1949.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 322 F i. **Anna J. Marren** was born in 1900 and died in 1996.

+ 323 F ii. **Mary Marren** was born in 1902 and died in 1987.

+ 324 F iii. **Winifred Marren** was born in 1904.

+ 325 M iv. **John Emmet Marren** was born in 1905 and died in 1962.

+ 326 M v. **Thomas Edward Marren** was born in 1907 and died in 1994.

+ 327 F vi. **Clara T. Marren** was born in 1909 and died in 2002.

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114. Frederick Joseph Billings (*Joshua S.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 25, 1878 in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, died on June 26, 1948 in Akron, Ohio, and was buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

115. Clara E. Billings (*Joshua S.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 8, 1888 in Lorain, Ohio, died on June 3, 1909 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. The cause of her death was General peritonitis/Suppurative appendicitis.

Clara was a dressmaker. She died following a ruptured appendix at age 20. On her death certificate her parents are given as Josh Billings and Fanny Landrevin, both Canadian born.

116. Joseph Billings (*Joshua S.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 5, 1891 in Lorain, Ohio and died in August 1968 in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

DOB from Ohio birth records. His parents' names are given as Joshua Billings and Mary Landervin.

117. Leo E. Billings (*Joshua S.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 12, 1894 in Lorain, Ohio, died on August 10, 1951 in Lorain, Ohio, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH. The cause of his death was Myocardial infarction.

Leo was employed as a fireman. He was evidently named for an unrelated Leo E. Billings who also lived in town.

Leo married **Margaret Ellen Ward** in 1922. Margaret was born on July 24, 1888 in Bay City, Michigan, died on August 4, 1954, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Lorain, OH.

118. Maude Billings (*Joseph Alcide Louis*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 4, 1887 in Aurora, Illinois and died on July 7, 1887 in Aurora, Illinois.

119. Mabel Lucy Billings (*Joseph Alcide Louis*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 15, 1888 in Aurora, Illinois and died on February 13, 1969 in La Grange, Illinois.

In the 1930 census Mabel and her husband were 48 and 42 years old and lived with her parents. No children reported.

Mabel married **Charles Eri Castle** on February 6, 1907 in Aurora, Illinois. Charles was born on August 16, 1881 in Page County, Iowa and died in June 1970 in Bellwood, Illinois.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 328 M i. **Charles E. Castle** was born in 1909 in Illinois and died after 1920 of Proviso, Illinois.

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120. Hazel Billings (*Joseph Alcide Louis*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 28, 1889 in Aurora, Illinois and died on October 28, 1889 in Aurora, Illinois.

121. Edward J. Billings (*Joseph Alcide Louis*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 10, 1892 in Aurora, Illinois and died on February 14, 1974 in Contra Costa, California.

Edward married **Katherine Burton**. Katherine was born on August 5, 1892 in Aurora, Illinois and died on December 4, 1972 in Monterey, California.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 329 M i. **Robert Burton Billings** was born in 1922 in Aurora, Illinois and died in 1944 in World War II.

+ 330 F ii. **Jane A. Billings** was born in 1927.

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William Adelbert Rowley

122. William Adelbert Rowley (*Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 7, 1856 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on December 23, 1917 in Fortuna, California.

In the 1900 census he was living with his brother-in-law, a man named Carl Kinman with wife Margaret. In the 1912 voter rolls of Humboldt Co., CA he was a registered Republican and a farmer in Loleta.

There was a William Adelbert Rowley, born in Detroit, MI July 6, 1882 and a resident of Chicago who could be his son. Rowley seems to have no known children or spouse.

123. George Timothy Rowley (*Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 8, 1858 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on August 17, 1927 in Chanute, Kansas.

George married **Mary Elizabeth Miller** on August 18, 1878 in Independence, Kansas. Mary was born in 1861 and died in 1926.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 331 M i. **William Rowley** was born on August 14, 1879 and died before 1969.

+ 332 M ii. **Clark Alan Rowley** was born on September 1, 1880 in Kansas and died in March 1958.

+ 333 F iii. **Hattie M. Rowley** was born on February 3, 1882 in Colorado and died on November 15, 1966 in Carlyle, Kansas.

+ 334 M iv. **Charles Edward Rowley** was born on February 10, 1884 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on May 30, 1947.

+ 335 M v. **Harry Rowley** was born in 1885 and died on August 15, 1886.

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124. Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley (*Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 23, 1860 in Chickasaw County, Iowa and died on January 15, 1938 in Fortuna, California.

Charles married **Estella Proctor** about 1885. Estella was born in 1866 and died in 1942.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 336 F i. **Nellie Rowley** was born on May 28, 1886 in Colorado and died on April 20, 1937 in Humboldt County, California.

+ 337 F ii. **Pearl Maude Rowley** was born on February 17, 1888 in Colorado and died on June 21, 1960 in Humboldt County, California.

+ 338 M iii. **Harry Arnold Rowley** was born on May 22, 1890 in California and died on May 1, 1913 in Imperial, California.

+ 339 F iv. **Effy Rowley** was born on May 19, 1892 in California and died on May 15, 1977 in San Jose, California.

+ 340 M v. **Ralph Edwin Rowley** was born on June 22, 1894 in Fortuna, California and died on March 24, 1973 in Humboldt County, California.

+ 341 F vi. **Verna Mabel Rowley** was born on January 6, 1896 in California and died on March 14, 1989 in San Luis Obispo, California.

+ 342 M vii. **Markle Daniel Rowley** was born on May 26, 1900 in California and died on December 25, 1963 in Santa Clara, California.

+ 343 F viii. **Elma Vaida Rowley** was born on February 3, 1907 in California and died on May 2, 2003 in Fortuna, California.

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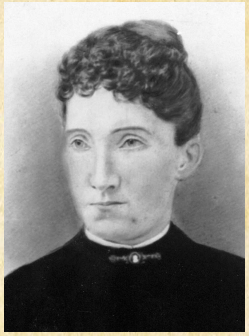
125. Alma E. Rowley (*Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 14, 1861 in Charles City, Iowa and died on August 3, 1945 in Humboldt County, California.



Alma married **Burr Nelson Chapman**. Burr was born on February 9, 1851 in Wawatosa, Wisconsin and died on November 18, 1935 in Fortuna, California.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 344 M i. **Arthur Adelbert Chapman** was born on April 7, 1882 in LaVeta, Colorado and died on February 21, 1965 in Keremos, British Columbia, Canada.

+ 345 M ii. **Alva Edward Chapman** was born on February 20, 1884 in Table Bluff, California and died on March 3, 1905 in Eureka, California.

+ 346 F iii. **Clara Myrtle Chapman** was born on April 28, 1886 in Table Bluff, California and died on February 6, 1980 in Eureka, California.

+ 347 F iv. **Hazel Cleora Chapman** was born on March 5, 1889 in California and died on January 13, 1975 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

+ 348 M v. **Walter Nelson Chapman** was born on May 20, 1893 in Fortuna, California and died on March 30, 1975 in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.

+ 349 F vi. **Ivy Roselia Chapman** was born on August 16, 1897 in California and died on August 31, 1979 in Vallejo, California.

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126. Margaret Jane Rowley (*Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 27, 1863 in Charles City, Iowa and died on March 13, 1943 in Table Bluff, California. She is pictured at right.

Margaret married **Hiram Alva Chapman** in July 1881 in LaVeta, Colorado. Hiram was born in 1853 and died on July 29, 1887 in Berkeley, California.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 350 F i. **Minnie Mae Chapman** was born on July 12, 1882 in Colorado and died on January 22, 1952 in Humboldt County, California.

+ 351 F ii. **Maude Ellen Chapman** was born on June 19, 1884 in California and died on September 7, 1951 in Eureka, California.

+ 352 F iii. **Emma Grace Chapman** was born on February 14, 1886 in California and died on May 11, 1968 in Loleta, California.

Margaret next married **Carlin Sharpless Kinman** in 1890 in California. Carlin was born on March 10, 1846 in Tazwell Co., Illinois and died on January 18, 1932 in Table Bluff, California.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 353 F i. **Clara Wilma Kinman** was born on February 25, 1891 in Table Bluff, California and died on November 2, 1964 in Eureka, California.

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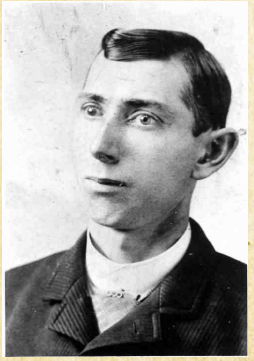
127. John Volney Sabieski Rowley (*Jane Billings*^{3}, *Timothy*^{2}, *Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on June 21, 1866 in Floyd County, Iowa and died on May 31, 1937 in Humboldt County, California. He is pictured at right.



John married **Elizabeth Jane Devenish** on December 24, 1893 in Eureka, California. Elizabeth was born in 1873 and died in 1967.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 354 F i. **Gladys Volna Rowley** was born on December 20, 1896 in California and died on February 14, 1959 in Humboldt County, California.

+ 355 M ii. **Forrest Devinish Rowley** was born on August 27, 1905 in Fortuna, California and died on February 17, 1982 in Santa Rosa, California.

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128. Daniel Rowley (*Jane Billings*^{3}, *Timothy*^{2}, *Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1868 and died in 1870.

129. Harriet Rowley (*Jane Billings³, Timothy², Enoch Jr.¹*) was born on February 9, 1870 in Colorado and died on July 10, 1896 in Rio Del, California. She is pictured at right.

Harriet married **George S. Sams** on November 14, 1886 in Fortuna, California. George was born in 1862 and died in 1921.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 356 M i. **William Adelbert Sams** was born on November 30, 1889 in Humboldt County, California and died on January 9, 1934 in San Francisco, California.

+ 357 F ii. **Myrtle Carrie Sams** was born on January 6, 1890 in Fortuna, California and died on March 15, 1964 in Humboldt County, California.

+ 358 F iii. **Frances Theresa Sams** was born on December 16, 1891 in Scotia, California and died on March 26, 1968 in Trinidad, California.

+ 359 F iv. **Nellie Mae Sams** was born on April 13, 1894 in Rio Del, California and died on December 12, 1957 in Portland, Oregon.

+ 360 M v. **Carl Sams** was born on July 10, 1896 in Rio Del, California and died on July 10, 1896 in Rio Del, California.

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130. Carrie Aldine Rowley (*Jane Billings³, Timothy², Enoch Jr.¹*) was born on March 19, 1873 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on June 24, 1951 in Eureka, California. She is pictured at right.

Carrie married **William Abner Clough** on August 23, 1899. William was born on November 4, 1867 in California and died on January 24, 1944 in Humboldt County, California. He is pictured at right.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 361 M i. **Harold Orrison Clough** was born on March 8, 1901 in Eureka, California and died on June 10, 1975 in Sacramento, California.

+ 362 F ii. **Delma Rebekah Clough** was born on January 18, 1905 in Eureka, California and died on October 27, 1986 in Fortuna, California.

+ 363 M iii. **Norman Leroy Clough** was born on October 22, 1907 in Fortuna, California and died on October 28, 1999 in Ferndale, California.

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131. Henry Lewis Rowley (*Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 26, 1878 in LaVeta, Colorado and died on May 23, 1961 in Fortuna, California. He is pictured at right.

Henry married **Mary Jane Spesert** on October 5, 1905. Mary was born in 1888 and died in 1936.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 364 F i. **Merry Jane Rowley** was born on September 3, 1908 in Hydesville, California and died on February 26, 1995 in Hydesville, California.

+ 365 M ii. **Edwin "Pooch" Rowley** was born on August 18, 1911 in Humboldt County, California and died on October 8, 1993 in Sparks, Nevada.

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132. Eva Rocelia Hollinger (*Mary Maria Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 11, 1878 in Colorado, died on February 12, 1976 in Santa Rosa, California, and was buried in Sunrise Cemetery, Fortuna, CA.

Eva is the daughter of William "Jeff" Jefferson Hollinger and May Maria Billings.

Eva married Bertrand Abbott Gates on 12 September 1903 in Eureka, California.

Residences: West Del Norte, Colorado; Hoff Township, Pope, Minnesota; Scotia, California; Lindsay, California; Fortuna, California; Santa Rosa, California

(Censuses, California Select Marriages 1850-1945, Social Security Death Index 1935-Current, Cemetery Record, California Death Index 1940-1997)

From: Findagrave.

Eva married **Bertrand Abbott Gates** on September 12, 1903 in Eureka, California. Bertrand was born in 1874 and died in 1958.

133. William Raymond Hollinger (*Mary Maria Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 25, 1880 in Colorado and died after 1918 of Okanogan County, Washington.

In 1918 he reported working at a ship yard for Anderson Porter and living in the Lincoln Hotel in Raymond, Washington, gave no living relatives. His fate is unknown.

134. Louella Hollinger (*Mary Maria Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 12, 1882 in Colorado, died on October 3, 1957 in Eureka, California, and was buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka, CA.

Louella married **Frank T. Dungan**.

135. Jennie Mabel Hollinger (*Mary Maria Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 8, 1885 in Fortuna, California, died on March 25, 1955 in Eureka, California, and was buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Eureka, CA.

Jennie married Charles Augustus Betger in 1905 in Humboldt County, California. They later divorced.

Jennie Betger married Cecil G. Jenkins.

Residences: Rohnerville Township, Humboldt, California; Scotia, California; Eureka, California

Occupations: laborer (sawmill)

(Censuses, Obituary Humboldt Standard (Eureka, CA), California Death Index 1940-1997)

From: Findagrave.com

Jennie married **Cecil G. Jenkins**. Cecil was born in 1893 and died in 1975.

136. Mina Gillott (*Elizabeth Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born about 1864 in Iowa.

137. Nettie Alice Gillott (*Elizabeth Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 13, 1866 in Iowa City, Iowa and died on November 15, 1945 in Sierra City, California.

138. Albert David Gillott (*Elizabeth Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 11, 1876 in Kansas and died after 1900 of Jolo, Philippines.

139. Florence Gillott (*Elizabeth Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born about 1878 in Kansas.

140. Lester Billings (*John^3, Timothy^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born in 1871 in Iowa.

141. Bertha M. Billings (*John^3, Timothy^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on April 29, 1873 in Kansas and died on May 31, 1967 in Lansing, Kansas.

Bertha married **William A. Day** about 1897.

142. Myrtle Eva Billings (*John^3, Timothy^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on June 15, 1874 in Kansas and died on July 11, 1963 in Leavenworth County, Kansas.

Myrtle married **Jacob E. Sherley** in 1897. Jacob was born on April 20, 1868 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and died on August 26, 1933 in Lansing, Kansas.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 366 M i. **Luther Albert Sherley** .

+ 367 F ii. **Mona B. Sherley** .

+ 368 M iii. **Harold W. Sherley** .

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143. Luther Billings (*John^3, Timothy^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born in 1878 in Kansas and died on December 22, 1953 in Los Angeles, California.

Luther married **May E.**

144. Leo John Billings (*John^3, Timothy^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on March 30, 1881 in Kansas and died on January 31, 1929 in Waterloo, Iowa.

Leo married **Elizabeth Virginia**.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 369 F i. **Viola Billings** .

+ 370 M ii. **DeWitt Billings** .

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145. Daisy May Billings (*Timothy Jr.^{3}, Timothy^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on October 29, 1870 in Iowa, died on June 22, 1946 in San Leandro, California, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, CA.

Daisy married **William D. Gillott** in 1888. William was born about 1866 in Iowa and died on September 30, 1935 in San Bernardino, California.

Daisy next married **Otis Edgar Belveal** about 1920. Otis was born about 1870 and died on January 19, 1935 in Contra Costa, California.

146. Izora Elizabeth Billings (*Timothy Jr.*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 27, 1874 in Niles Township, Iowa and died on June 22, 1947 in Siskiyou, California.

Izora married **Otto D. Rasmussen**.

147. Marguerite Irene Billings (*Timothy Jr.*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 27, 1912 in Myrtle Point, Oregon and died on February 22, 1937 in Fortuna, California.

Marguerite married **Theodore Francis Burgess** on January 7, 1929 in Eureka, California. Theodore was born in 1905 and died in 1970.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 371 M i. **Joseph Earl Burgess** was born on January 14, 1930 in Eureka, California and died on March 5, 2006 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

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148. Arthur Lewis Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born October 15, 1874 and died in 1953.

149. Roy Egbert Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 12, 1883 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on April 6, 1980 in Sacramento, California.

150. Sadie Ellen Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 5, 1885 in Cherryvale, Kansas, died on July 24, 1932 in Chico, California, and was buried in Chico Cemetery, Chico, CA.

151. Margaret Electa Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 6, 1887 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on April 6, 1959 in Independence, Kansas.

152. Anna Louella Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 10, 1898 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on July 31, 1949 in Hydro, Oklahoma.

153. Bertha May Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 13, 1900 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on September 22, 1945.

154. John Henry Billings (*Lewis*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 5, 1901 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on December 2, 1955.

155. John Elvin Bedard (*Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 18, 1856 in Canada East, died in 1912 of Ontario, Canada, and was buried in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Howard, Ontario, Canada.

Baptism gives his age as 18, parents as the late Ralph Bedard and Jenette Billings, wife of Magloire Parent. The Bedards were Methodist according to the 1861 census, so he converted to Catholicism as an adult.

John married **Mary Matilda Bushaway** about 1882. Mary was born about 1856 in United States and died in 1922.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 372 F i. **Lottie Bedard** was born in 1883 in Ontario, Canada and died after 1891 of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.

+ 373 M ii. **William Bedard** was born in 1884 and died in 1939.

+ 374 F iii. **Lily Bedard** was born in 1888 in Ontario, Canada and died after 1891 of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.

+ 375 F iv. **Matilda Bedard** was born in 1890 in Ontario, Canada and died after 1891 of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.

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156. Ralph Bedard (*Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1858 in Canada East and died after 1861 of Stanbridge, Canada East.
Ralph is not found in any Canada census after 1861, so he likely died young.

157. Elizabeth Jessy Wilmy Bedard (*Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in September 1860 in Canada East and died on April 20, 1861 in Stanbridge, Canada East.

158. Mathilde Archangel Mathie Parent (*Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in June 1866 and died on July 21, 1880 in Sandwich, Ontario, Canada.

159. Mira Isaaca Billings (*Isaac Jr.*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 1, 1864 in East Farnham, Québec, Canada, died in 1953 of Montclair, New Jersey, and was buried in Pleasantdale Cemetery, West Orange, NJ.

Myra and her mother Annie were reported living alone in Farnham in 1871 Canada census. Annie was working as a milliner.

Myra reported her immigration year to the U.S. as 1878 (1920 census) and 1880 (1900 census).

She was a dressmaker, age 16, in the 1880 census of Manchester, New Hampshire. Reports being born in Canada, parents born in Canada. She is living in a boarding house, no other relatives, although a Palmer woman, age 35, appears in the same house.

She was living with her mother, Annie, age 63, in Newton City, Massachusetts in 1900. By 1915 her mother had died and she had moved to Montclair, New Jersey, where she boarded in various homes.

She appears in several later U.S. census and immigration records as "Myra Billings" through 1925. She reported being a teacher who had been traveling through Europe and the British Isles that year.

She never married.

Her gravestone reads "Myra Isaac Billings 1864-1953."

160. Isaac J. Flagg (*Christiana Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in July 1860 in Clarenceville, Canada East and died after 1923 of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Reported arriving in the US in 1873 in 1910 US census. In 1880, Clinton, MA he was a clerk in a carpet mill. By 1910 he was an electrician.

Isaac married **Susan R. Bean** in 1881 in Clinton, Massachusetts.

161. Hattie Elizabeth Flagg (*Christiana Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1863 in Clarenceville, Canada East and died on November 7, 1864 in Clarenceville, Canada East.

162. Emma Town (*Maria Mary Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1865 in Canada and died on January 21, 1954 in Dover, New Hampshire.

Emma married **? Gould**.

163. Mary Town (*Maria Mary Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1867 in Michigan and died after 1870 in Iowa.

164. Arvilla Town (*Maria Mary Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1869 in Iowa and died after 1880 of Waterbury, Vermont.

165. Winnifred Hastings (*Eveline Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1869 in Iowa.

166. Josephine Hastings (*Eveline Billings*^{3}*, Isaac*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1871 in Iowa.

167. Marvin Hastings (*Eveline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1874 in Wisconsin.

168. Mahlon Hastings (*Eveline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1876 in Minnesota.

169. Earnest B. Taylor (*Catherine Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in January 1873 in Massachusetts and died after 1940 of Eau Gallie, Florida.

Owned and operated a livery stable in Eau Gallie, FL.

Earnest married **Mary**. Mary was born in 1880 and died after 1940 of Eau Gallie, Florida.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 376 M i. **Dudley Taylor** was born in 1905 in Florida.

+ 377 M ii. **Ernest Taylor** was born in 1907 in Florida.

+ 378 M iii. **Gardner Taylor** was born in 1909 in Florida.

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170. Maud Taylor (*Catherine Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1879 in Wisconsin and died after 1920 of Sterling, Massachusetts.
Never married.

171. Mary G. Taylor (*Catherine Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1885 in New York and died after 1900 of Eau Gallie, Florida.

172. Jessie N. Kellogg (*Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 15, 1869 in Wisconsin, died on January 19, 1951 in Navasota, Texas, and was buried in Orange Grove Cemetery, Calcasieu Parish, LA.

Jessie married **John Waterman Babcock**.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 379 F i. **Cora Bell Babcock** was born on November 6, 1900 in Welch, Louisiana and died on January 27, 1970 in Tyler, Texas.

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173. John A. Kellogg (*Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 17, 1871 in Iowa and died in 1971 in Louisiana.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 380 F i. **Lottie B. Kellogg** was born in 1907 in Louisiana.

+ 381 F ii. **Gracie M. Kellogg** was born in 1908 in Louisiana.

+ 382 M iii. **William Arthur Kellogg** was born on November 17, 1910 in Louisiana and died on April 17, 1961 in Beauregarde Parish, Louisiana.

+ 383 F iv. **Honora Mildred Kellogg** was born about 1913 in Louisiana.

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174. Edith M. Kellogg (*Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1873 in Seymore, Wisconsin, died in 1952 in Iowa, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Waterloo, Iowa.

Edith married **Jerome Joseph Wyeth** on March 11, 1899 in Marion, Iowa. Jerome was born about 1875, died in 1951, and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Waterloo, Iowa.

175. Myrtle Kellogg (*Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 19, 1878 in Wisconsin and died on August 13, 1960 in Houston, Texas. The cause of her death was bronchopneumonia with pleural effusion.

Myrtle married **A. M. Watts**.

176. Elmer Eugene Kellogg (*Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 4, 1879 in Blair, Wisconsin and died on May 20, 1961 in Houston, Texas.

177. Lola Billings (*Abraham Justin*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in March 1905 in Argusville, North Dakota.

178. Removed.

179. Evelyn Billings (*Abraham Justin*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1907 in Argusville, North Dakota.

180. Chester Arthur Billings (*Abraham Justin*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 10, 1909 in Argusville, North Dakota and died in 2003.

181. Edgar Billings (*Abraham Justin*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1911 in Cass County, North Dakota.

182. Hattie Jane Gardiner (*Jane Melissa McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in August 1861 in Jewett City, Connecticut and died after 1935 of Topeka, Kansas.

Hattie married **Charles William Joss** in 1882. Charles was born on April 23, 1859 in Leavenworth County, Kansas and died on July 4, 1927.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 384 M i. **Earl Joss** was born in June 1884.

+ 385 F ii. **Leslie Joss** was born on November 20, 1886 and died in February 1968 in Holcombe, Kansas.

+ 386 F iii. **Mildred Joss** was born in July 1896.

+ 387 F iv. **Bessie Joss** was born in January 1898.

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183. Amanda Nigus (*Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 23, 1854 in Chickasaw County, Iowa, died on April 29, 1915 in Spokane, Washington, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS. She is pictured at right.

Amanda married **George Scofield** on April 24, 1873 in Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas. George was born on October 12, 1847 in Reading, Pennsylvania, died on July 31, 1891 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS. He is pictured at right.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 388 M i. **William Archibald Scofield** was born on January 11, 1874 in Leona, Kansas, died on October 14, 1938 in Great Falls, Montana, and was buried in New Highland Cemetery, Great Falls, MT.

+ 389 M ii. **John W. Scofield** was born on July 29, 1875 in Leona, Kansas, died on September 23, 1886 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 390 M iii. **Henry Albert Scofield** was born on April 14, 1878 in Leona, Kansas, died on May 10, 1880 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 391 F iv. **Lydia Maria Scofield** was born on September 26, 1883 in Leona, Kansas, died on May 2, 1957 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 392 M v. **Chester Ernest Scofield** was born on September 10, 1889 in Leona, Kansas, died on October 5, 1910 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

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184. Albert Lee Nigus (*Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 23, 1859 in Leona, Kansas, died on August 29, 1943 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS. He is pictured at right.

Albert married **Lillie Melissa Hill** on December 4, 1879 in Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas. Lillie was born on August 21, 1864 in White Cloud, Kansas and died on March 3, 1937 in Falls City, Nebraska.

Children from this marriage were:

+ 393 M i. **Lucien Smith Nigus** was born on October 21, 1880 in Leona, Kansas, died in September 1957 in Searcy, Arkansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 394 F ii. **Carrie Bernice Nigus** was born on December 11, 1882 in Leona, Kansas, died on May 18, 1873 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in North Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

+ 395 M iii. **Raymond Harrison Nigus** was born on July 11, 1888 in Leona, Kansas and died on August 8, 1968 in Hiawatha, Kansas.

+ 396 M iv. **Albert Ervin Nigus** was born on September 17, 1890 in Leona, Kansas, died on September 29, 1978, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

+ 397 F v. **Susan Eva Nigus** was born on August 15, 1892 in Leona, Kansas, died on January 27, 1995 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

+ 398 F vi. **Effie Marie Nigus** was born on February 21, 1896 in Leona, Kansas and died on March 14, 1972 in Hiawatha, Kansas.

+ 399 F vii. **Lillian Belle Nigus** was born on October 17, 1900 in Hiawatha, Kansas, died on August 4, 1972 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in North Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

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185. Hattie J. McTaggart (*Daniel McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 27, 1868 in New Albany, Indiana, died on September 1, 1959, and was buried in Fairview Cemetery, Coffeyville, KS.

Hattie married **Henry Herman Deichler**.

186. William A. McTaggart (*Daniel McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 3, 1873 in Kansas, died on May 4, 1899 in Central Luzon, Philippines, and was buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, KS. He is pictured at right.

187. Alton C. McTaggart (*Daniel McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 2, 1878 in Kansas, died in 1960, and was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Independence, KS.

Alton married **Dora E. White** on June 22, 1927 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Dora was born in 1885 and died in 1966.

188. Daniel McTaggart (*Daniel McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 19, 1880 in Kansas, died on November 11, 1948, and was buried in Oak hill Cemetery, Elk City, KS. He is pictured at right.

Daniel married **Atha Bray**. Atha was born in 1888 and died in 1972.

189. Ula Leath Nigus (*Alexander Nigus Jr.*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 3, 1878 in Oberlin, Kansas and died on March 7, 1943 in North Platte, Nebraska.

Ula married **Melvin Wallace Staples**. Melvin was born in 1872 and died in 1949.

190. Cyrus Nigus (*Alexander Nigus Jr.*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born about 1880.

191. Pearl Nigus (*Alexander Nigus Jr.*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 27, 1881.

Pearl married **Jacob May** on June 28, 1909 in Ogden, Utah. Jacob was born in 1883 in Laramie, Wyoming.

Pearl next married **William E. Marshall**.

192. Zoe Nigus (*Alexander Nigus Jr.*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 23, 1882 in Oberlin, Kansas and died on December 17, 1979 in Valentine, Nebraska.

Zoe married **Delbert Josiah Sanford**.

193. Earl Nigus (*Alexander Nigus Jr.*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 15, 1884 in Oberlin, Kansas and died on October 25, 1884 in Oberlin, Kansas.

194. Albert Newton Billings (*Albert*[3], *Abraham*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1884 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died in 1946 in Brookline, Massachusetts.

At the time of their marriage, Albert worked in education and Bertha was a nurse (per marriage record.)

Albert married **Bertha Ellen Cook** on December 15, 1904 in Peabody, Massachusetts. Bertha was born in 1884 in Weymouth, Nova Scotia, Canada.

195. Debonneville Dobson (*Roxanna Elizabeth Billings*[3], *Abraham*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 8, 1889 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died on May 9, 1889 in Bayonne, New Jersey.

196. Rosanna "Roxy" Dobson (*Roxanna Elizabeth Billings*[3], *Abraham*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in January 1892 in Bayonne, New Jersey and died after 1905 of Bayonne, New Jersey.

197. Harry Clifford Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 7, 1879 in Union, Iowa and died on April 1, 1952 in Aberdeen, Washington.

Harry married **Cora Adeline Blake**.

198. Bessie Maude Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 22, 1881 in Jewell Junction, Iowa and died on August 11, 1921 in Long Beach, California.

Bessie married **Charles William Hughes** on April 9, 1902 in Jewell Junction, Iowa. Charles was born in 1868 and died in 1936.

199. LeRoy Maynard Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 29, 1883 in Webster City, Iowa and died on June 24, 1965 in Grass Valley, California.

LeRoy married **Emily Jane Wickett** in June 1907 in Davidson, Saskatchewan, Canada. Emily was born in 1886 and died in 1979.

200. Burmah May Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 21, 1886 in Jewell Junction, Iowa and died on June 27, 1962 in King County, Washington.

Burmah married **Henry Martin Coffman** on September 28, 1903 in Bowden, North Dakota. Henry was born in 1870 and died in 1947.

201. Glenn Howard Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 28, 1887 in Lyon, Iowa and died on May 25, 1973 in Santa Barbara, California.

Glenn married **Elizabeth Wickett** on October 13, 1909 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. Elizabeth was born in 1889 and died in 1967.

202. Lottie Mildred Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 3, 1889 in Lyon, Iowa and died on February 16, 1963 in Oregon.

Lottie married **John Alexander Wickett** on May 6, 1908 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. John was born in 1884 and died in 1976.

203. Aggie Fern Billings (*Heman Edgar*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 24, 1895 in Iowa City, Iowa and died on June 16, 1898 in Iowa City, Iowa.

204. Helen Mossman Ross (*Mabel Louise Billings*[3], *Heman Allen*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 24, 1899 in Portland, Oregon and died on June 27, 1938 in Portland, Oregon.

Helen married **Donald Orelup Nelson** on June 26, 1923 in Portland, Oregon. Donald was born in 1898 and died in 1941.

205. Albert Rogers (*Melissa Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 10, 1878 in New York.

206. Lute Rogers (*Melissa Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in April 1879 in Malone, New York and died after 1940 of Topeka, Kansas.

Lute married **Lillian**. Lillian was born in 1886 in Kansas and died after 1940 of Topeka, Kansas.

207. William Rogers (*Melissa Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 7, 1882 in Leona, Kansas and died after April 25, 1942 of Hiawatha, Kansas.

William Rogers registered for the "old men's draft" during World War II.

He reported being born in Doniphan Co., KS on March 7, 1883, being self-employed and living at 403 Delaware in Hiawatha, Kansas. He was 5'6", gray haired and 107 lbs.

The date, month and place of birth are consistent with the son of Melissa Billings, who was reportedly born in Kanas in March 1882, per census records.

208. Herbert A. Hayes (*Alice Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 5, 1876 in Franklin County, New York, died on November 4, 1950 of Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Enumerated in 1880 Census, Leona, KS with parents. Census states he was born in NY, age 3. Had sister Sallie, age 1.

The photos of Maria Billings, Lewis Billings, Sarah Ann Kelley and Alice Billings Hayes all come from Evelyn Hayes Murphy (b. 1926) via her cousins's daughter, Ramona Cox. She is probably the granddaughter of this person.

209. Sallie Hayes (*Alice Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1879 in Franklin County, New York and died after 1880 of Leona, Kansas.

210. Bertha May Hayes (*Alice Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in August 1884 in South Dakota, died on October 29, 1935 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Bertha married **John Eve** on December 26, 1904 in Pueblo, Colorado. John was born in 1883, died on December 9, 1927, and was buried in Roselawn Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Bertha next married **Lafayette Kirgan** on September 25, 1929 in Pueblo, Colorado. Lafayette was born in 1880.

211. Ethel Hayes (*Alice Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 18, 1887, died on April 12, 1896 of Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

212. Carl Byron Daniels (*Jennie Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 19, 1886 in Kansas and died after April 1942 of Denver, Colorado.

Employed as assistant right of way examiner, Denver Railroad (WWI Draft Registration). His WWI and WW2 draft registrations give his date of birth as Mar. 19. 1885 and Mar. 19, 1886 respectively.

Carl married **Anna Summers** on December 20, 1911 in Denver, Colorado.

The child from this marriage was:

+ 400 F i. **Carleen Daniels** was born in 1916 in Colorado and died after 1983.

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213. Nellie Daniels (*Jennie Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in September 1887-1889 in Kansas and died before June 1, 1926 of Colorado.

May be the Nellie Daniels who married Lloyd Hogsett on June 2, 1917 in Pueblo, CO. She was 26.

Nellie married **Lloyd Hogsett** on June 2, 1917 in Pueblo, Colorado. Lloyd was born on February 13, 1891 in Missouri, died on January 4, 1950 of Jefferson County, Colorado, and was buried in Golden Cemetery, Golden, CO.

Fifth Generation (2nd Great-Grandchildren)

214. Mary Ann Ferlant (*Julie Billings*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born about 1885 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada and died after 1920.

Mary married **Frederick Louis Racine** on May 1, 1905. Frederick was born on February 19, 1882 in Pawlet, Vermont and died after 1920.

Owner of a confectionary store in Plainfield, CT, according to *A Modern History of Windham Co, CT, Vol. 2*.

Marie-Gertrude Billings and Harry Garceau.

215. Marie-Gertrude Billings (*Henry G.*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on December 19, 1881 in Canada and died of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

Marie-Gertrude married **Arthur Garceau** on August 1, 1905 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

The child from this marriage was:

401 M i. **Harry Garceau** was born on September 27, 1911 in Connecticut and died in February 1982 in Massachusetts.

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216. Marie-Helene Billings (*Henry G.*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on January 2, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on August 7, 1885 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Stanstead, Québec.

217. Helen Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on April 16, 1893 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on November 30, 1948 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

218. Marie-Antoinette Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on September 15, 1894 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on April 6, 1983, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Marie-Antoinette married **Emil Joseph Vachon**.

219. Arthur Thomas Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on December 4, 1895 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on April 29, 1933 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Arthur married **Josephine Lambert**.

220. Blanche Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on October 2, 1898 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 2, 1987, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Blanche married **Thomas Dee**.

221. George Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on January 26, 1899 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on July 25, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

222. Marie Rose Beatrice Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on October 2, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on January 27, 1901 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA. The cause of her death was Whooping cough.

223. George H. Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on February 14, 1902 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on August 2, 1963, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

George married **Mary Yakupciak**.

224. Armand Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born in 1904 in Webster, Massachusetts.

225. Joseph Leo P. Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on January 30, 1905 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on May 17, 1905 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA. The cause of his death was Anemia.

226. Marie Leonore F. Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on February 2, 1906 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 23, 1910 in

Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacret Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA. The cause of her death was Peritonsilas Abcess.

227. Cecilia Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on November 22, 1907 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 11, 1988 in Punta Gorda, Florida, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Cecilia married **Arthur Bazille Lavallee**.

228. Pamela Florence Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on April 16, 1909 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on October 31, 1941 in Middletown, Connecticut, and was buried in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Pamela married **William LaBay**.

229. Loretta Gertrude Billings (*Henry G.^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on January 28, 1911 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on February 16, 2002 in Killingly, Connecticut, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Danielson, CT.

Loretta married **Pasquale Sabatino Scungio**.

230. Joseph-Isidore Billings (*Edward^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born in 1884 and died in 1884.

231. Wilfrid V. Billings (*Edward^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on April 27, 1885, died on January 29, 1962, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Wilfrid married **Ferdinanda Briere**.

Children from this marriage were:

402 M i. **Lionel Billings** was born on January 25, 1914, died on March 14, 1987, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

403 M ii. **Wilfred E. Billings** was born on May 12, 1915, died on February 25, 1985, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Wilfred married **Dorothy**.

232. Victoria Billings (*Edward^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born in 1889.

233. Joseph A. Billings (*Edward^{4}, John Jr.^{3}, John^{2}, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on October 20, 1891, died on January 10, 1971, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Joseph married **Delphine Dagenais**.

234. Marie A. Billings (*Edward*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on November 9, 1895, died on June 14, 1973, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Marie married **Irwin Miller**. Irwin was born in 1895, died in 1981, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

235. John B. Billings (*Edward*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1897.

236. Francois Billings (*Edward*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1899.

237. Anna Billings (*Edward*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1900.

238. Theresa Billings (*Edward*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on November 5, 1903, died on September 30, 1973, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Theresa married **Arsene Marchesseault**. Arsene was born in 1890, died in 1956, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

239. Arthur Billings (*Edward*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1906.

240. Victor John Billings (*John*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on August 7, 1892 in St-Alexandre, Québec, Canada, died on August 2, 1973 in Westborough, Massachusetts, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, MA.

Victor John Billings, who was naturalized an American in 1913, had a variety of middle-class jobs in Massachusetts: he including laster in a shoe shop, waiter bowling alley manager, cutter in a shoe factory, and by 1930 had his own business, called Billings's Bowling Alley in Dudley, MA (per census records).

He was employed by the Dept of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts by 1942. He and Elsie Marie Fried Billings lived at 2 Laprise Court, Dudley, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA. Victor John Billings was left a widower by the death of Elsie Marie Fried Billings in 1961.

See: https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/ottawa/billings/index.htm

241. Rosario Billings (*John*^{4}*, John Jr.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on December 21, 1893 in Webster, Massachusetts.

242. Joseph-Alvan Billings (*John^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on September 17, 1895 in Stanstead, Québec, Canada, died on March 14, 1951 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Webster, MA.

Joseph Alvin Billings was a bobbin boy in a cotton mill at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, in the 1910 US census. He served in Headquarters Company, 74th Infanty, 12 Division from 23 July 1918 to 27 January 1919. Joseph Alvin Billings was a stitcher in a shoe shop at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 8 January 1920. Joseph Alvin Billings was a second hand carder in a woolen mill at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 4 April 1930. Joseph Alvin Billings was an assistant foreman in a woolen mill at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 3 April 1940.4 He was single on 3 April 1940. He was employed by the Maanexit Spinning Co of Pearl St, Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA, on 27 April 1942. Joseph Alvin Billings married Clorida Robidoux in 1945 at Webster, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA.

See: https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/ottawa/billings/index.htm

243. Marie-Anna A. Billings (*John^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on August 26, 1897 in Webster, Massachusetts, died on December 12, 1910 in Webster, Massachusetts, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Dudley, MA.

244. Marie A. Billings (*John^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on September 21, 1899 in Webster, Massachusetts and died on May 1, 1900 in Webster, Massachusetts.

245. Louis Gevry Jr. (*Rose Anna Billings^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on September 5, 1901 in Webster, Massachusetts.

246. Napoleon L. Gevry (*Rose Anna Billings^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on June 11, 1904 in Webster, Massachusetts.

247. Louise A. M. Gevry (*Rose Anna Billings^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on August 31, 1905 in Webster, Massachusetts.

248. Theodore Billings (*Joseph-Cyril^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on July 9, 1905, died on May 17, 1906, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

249. Joseph Louis Billings (*Joseph-Cyril^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born in 1905 and died in 1906.

250. Joseph Arthur Billings (*Joseph-Cyril^4, John Jr.^{3}, John^2, Enoch Jr.^{1}*) was born on September 26, 1906, died on December 2, 1984 in Rogers, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

Joseph married **Yvonne Magrey**.

Children from this marriage were:

404 F i. **Cecile Yvette Billings** was born on October 18, 1928, died on January 11, 1961, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

405 M ii. **Richard Billings** was born on April 9, 1932, died on June 13, 2004, and was buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dayville, CT.

251. Eugene Frank Billings (*Joseph-Cyril*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1907 and died in 1961.

Eugene married **Lucy Mercer**.

252. Marie Louise Billings (*Joseph-Cyril*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1909 and died in 1909.

253. Jeanette Rosanna Billings (*Joseph-Cyril*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1913.

Jeanette married **Bonaparte Tetreault**.

254. George Sylvio Billings (*Joseph-Cyril*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1919 and died in 2002 in Connecticut.

George married **Arlene Gallichant**.

255. Henry Theodore Billings (*Joseph-Cyril*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 1, 1921 and died on March 16, 2000 in Windham County, Connecticut.

256. Oliva H. Massey (*Maria Louisella Billings*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 16, 1907 in Killingsworth, Connecticut and died on March 9, 1944 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Oliva worked as a grocery store salesman.

Oliva married **Dora Fournier**.

257. Ulysses Hector Massey (*Maria Louisella Billings*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 15, 1909 in Connecticut and died on August 25, 1964 in Masons Island, Connecticut.

He was a weaver in a cotton mill (1930).

258. Oliver Aldemarde Massey (*Maria Louisella Billings*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 4, 1911 in Connecticut and died on April 9, 1957.

He worked as a bakery truck driver.

259. Gerard P. Roy (*Maria Louisella Billings*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 10, 1932 and died on June 29, 2009.

260. Armand Joseph Billings (*Adhemar-Joseph*[4], *John Jr.*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 14, 1912 and died on January 31, 1988 in Webster, Massachusetts.

Armand married **Rose Sarette**.

The child from this marriage was:

406 M i. **Kenneth Joseph Billings** was born in 1939.

Ken is a physician and genealogist, who supplied much of the information for the descendants of John "Jean-Baptiste" Billings in this book.

Kenneth married **Joyce Dewey**.

261. Joseph Alphonse Labonte (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 20, 1893 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada and died on May 11, 1951 in Newington, Connecticut.

Joseph Alphonse Labonte was a nurse at the Neal Institute at 945 South Olive St, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA, on 5 June 1917. He lived on 17 July 1917 at 945 South Olive St, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, USA. He was naturalized on 5 December 1919 at Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA. He applied for a US passport on 15 November 1923 at Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA, to travel to France to get married. He lived in 1942 at 76 Hopkins St, Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA.9 He was employed by the Preoll Restaurant at 40 Willow St, East Hartford, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA, on 27 April 1942. He was buried at Northwood Cemetery, Windsor, Hartford County, Connecticut, USA.

See: https://ottawa.ogs.on.ca/ottawa/billings/index.htm

262. Horace Labonte (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Antoine Abraham*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 20, 1895 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada and died on October 14, 1895 in West Shefford, Québec, Canada.

263. Emma C. Billings (*Charles "Peter"*[4]*, Antoine Abraham*[3]*, John*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 16, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died in 1968.

Emma married **George A. Congdon** on August 12, 1913 in Millbury, Massachusetts. George was born in 1891.

264. Leo Albert Billings (*Charles "Peter"*[4]*, Antoine Abraham*[3]*, John*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 1, 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts, died in December 1967 in Worcester, Massachusetts, and was buried in Howard Street Cemetery, Northborough, MA.

Leo married **Blanche Willet** on May 21, 1914 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Blanche was born on November 6, 1896 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died in 1945 in Northborough, Massachusetts.

265. Joseph Wilfrid Antoine Billings (*Charles "Peter"*[4]*, Antoine Abraham*[3]*, John*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 18, 1896 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died on April 3, 1955 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

Godparents were Henri Billings & Marguerite Demers. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1906.

Joseph married **Margaret Mary Garganigo** in 1922 in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

266. Joseph Hector Adelard Billings (*Charles "Peter"*[4]*, Antoine Abraham*[3]*, John*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 25, 1897 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died on September 16, 1902 in Granby, Québec, Canada.

Godparents were Henri Billings and Malvina Lachereau.

267. Maria-Albina Billings (*Charles "Peter"*[4]*, Antoine Abraham*[3]*, John*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 8, 1898 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died on October 10, 1906 of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Godparents were Abraham Billings and Sophie Potvin.

268. Marie-Narcisse Billings (*Charles "Peter"*[4]*, Antoine Abraham*[3]*, John*[2]*, Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 1, 1901 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died about 1933.

In her daughter Gloria's marriage record it states her birthplace as Granby, Québec, her status as deceased and age as 32 (presumably at death).

Marie-Narcisse married **Albert Joslin** on July 5, 1917 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Marie-Narcisse next married **Edgar C. Hall** in 1930 in Trenton, New Jersey. Edgar was born about 1890 in Brooklyn, New York and died after 1944 of Acworth, New Hampshire.

Edgar was employed as a painter.

Children from this marriage were:

407 F i. **Gloria Virginia Hall** was born on August 13, 1923 in Claremont, New Hampshire and died on August 24, 2010.

Gloria married **Richard Warren Mason** on June 20, 1946 in Acworth, New Hampshire. Richard died on June 28, 2008.

408 F ii. **Carmen Audrey Hall** was born on November 6, 1926 in Claremont, New Hampshire and died in December 1991.

Carmen married **Francis Edward Dunphy** on February 15, 1947 in Claremont, New Hampshire.

269. Arthur R. Billings (*Georges-Guillaume*^{4}*, Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on February 15, 1892 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on November 22, 1934 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Arthur married **Alice Biscornet**.

270. Henry W. Billings (*Georges-Guillaume*^{4}*, Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in July 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on October 17, 1918 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

271. Walter Billings (*Georges-Guillaume*^{4}*, Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on July 19, 1894 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died before June 1, 1900 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

272. Romeo Billings (*Georges-Guillaume*^{4}*, Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1896 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

273. Claudio Lorenzo Billings (*Georges-Guillaume*^{4}*, Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1900 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

274. Albert R. Billings (*Georges-Guillaume*^{4}*, Antoine Abraham*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1904 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

275. Arthur Robert (*Mary Jane Billings[4], Antoine Abraham[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on June 18, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on June 19, 1891 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

276. Claudio Robert (*Mary Jane Billings[4], Antoine Abraham[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on April 15, 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts and died on December 16, 1893 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

277. Clifton Henry Billings (*Henry Edward[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on June 2, 1892 in Manistique, Michigan, died on April 10, 1961 in Vero Beach, Florida, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

Born in Manistique, MI per his draft registration, Clifton was living at a Catholic boarding school in 1901 after his parents returned to Canada. He was later living in Chicago, where he moved to before 1910 and in that census was reported to be living with his "sister", Millie Atkinson, age 34, divorcee. It seems unlikely that they are siblings and she may have been a secret lover. Clifton later married Frances Powers and had at least one child.

On Aug. 9, 1937, Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Billings of Chicago had left for home after visiting Mr. Billings's uncle, Felix E. Billings of 71 Central St. They visited again in August 1939, and left for New York City. Clifton was reportedly living at 7853 Essex Ave. Chicago. His wife, Frances, chaired the Pan-American Study Commission.

Clifton registered for the US draft in Chicago in 1942, listed his next of kin as Anthony Billings, suggesting his parents may have both been estranged or deceased by then. He listed his own employer as Pullman Company.

In 1950 his wife was a member of the Illinois Business and Professional Women's Club.

Per his obituary he moved to Vero Beach, FL in 1959 and died at his home. His obituary noted he left behind two sisters, a Pearl Ottman and an Irene MacCue.

Clifton married **Frances Powers,** daughter of **William Powers** and **Sarah Bennett,** on June 16, 1917 in Chicago, Illinois. Frances was born on June 23, 1894 in Illinois, died on December 21, 1980 in Homewood, Illinois, and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

Vital data from death record from Illinois Cook County Death Index 1878-1994.

The child from this marriage was:

409 F i. **Violet Cecilia Billings** was born on April 22, 1920 in Chicago, Illinois and died after 1992 of Calumet City, Illinois.

Violet married **? Thorne**.

Violet next married **? Karbowski** before April 1961.

278. Irene Billings (*Henry Edward*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 12, 1895 in Granby Québec, Canada and died on April 26, 1961 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Irene Billings's godparents were Eugene Rodier and Exilda Billings of St. Paul. She was baptized Mar. 14, 1895 at Notre Dame de Granby, but the 1901 census notes she was born in the United States. Her family may have moved back to Canada within 48 hours of her birth, but it is more likely that she was born in Granby. She was reportedly the "Irene McCue" of Milwaukee, Wisconsin in her brother Clifton's obituary.

The Wisconsin Death Index reports Irene Maccue, age 66 died April 26, 1961 in Milwaukee, WI, just two weeks after attending her brother's funeral.

Irene married **Walter MacCue** after 1935. Walter was born on August 15, 1888 in Schenectady, New York and died on September 24, 1969 in Glendale, California.

Walter had previously been married, June 27, 1908 to Grace Richmond Crandall in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. They were still married as of 1935 and living in Evanston, Illinois. (Evanston City Directory)

1940 US census, East Kane Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Walter MacCue, age 57, b. NY, last residence was Chicago, IL. Works as salesman for General Electric. Wife Irene B. MacCue, age 42, b. MI, last residence Chicago, IL. No occupation listed.

In his 1942 draft registration Walter reported he was born Aug. 15, 1888 in Schenectady, NY, worked for General Electric and lived at 4508 Belleview Place in Milwaukee. Gave his wife's name as Irene MacCue.

The California Death Index and Social Security records give his death date as Sep. 24, 1969.

279. Marie-Olive Billings (*Henry Edward*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 21, 1903 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died after April 1961.

The obituary of her brother Clifton notes he left behind a sister named "Pearl Ottman."

She may be the "O... M Ottman" widowed female laborer in a shoe factory, b. French Canada in 1903 who has children James J., Rosemary, Robert C., Lyman

J., Richard B., Shirley A., and Jeanette V. Ottman in the 1940 US census of Minetto, Oswego County, NY. Per 1930 census this is Anna M., wife of Raymond Ottman.

Marie-Olive married **? Ottman**.

280. William Billings (*Edward Arthur*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 7, 1892 in Manistique, Michigan and died on August 6, 1892 in Manistique, Michigan. The cause of his death was summer croup.

Medical Notes: http://genealogytrails.com/mich/schoolcraft/deaths1890.html

281. Victor Billings (*Edward Arthur*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 11, 1893 in Manistique, Michigan, died in 1954, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

Victor married **Mabel Wilhelm** on February 10, 1918 in Gladstone, Michigan. Mabel was born on January 4, 1902, died in August 1965, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

The child from this marriage was:

410 M i. **Kenton L. Billings** was born on January 19, 1921, died on March 18, 1989, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

Kenton married **Judy L.** Judy was born on December 25, 1925, died on October 1, 1998, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

282. Eva Billings (*Edward Arthur*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 17, 1894 in Manistique, Michigan and died on June 25, 1897 in Manistique, Michigan.

283. Clarena Billings (*Edward Arthur*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 8, 1897 in Manistique, Michigan and died in January 1982 in Escanaba, Michigan.

Clarena married **Elias Lloyd Garrett** on January 4, 1922 in Manistique, Michigan. Elias was born on September 12, 1895 and died in November 1977 in Rockmart, Georgia.

284. Marie Billings (*Edward Arthur*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 5, 1901 in Manistique, Michigan and died on September 8, 1906 in Manistique, Michigan. The cause of her death was tubercular meningitis.

Medical Notes: Information found in death certificate, MI state archives.

285. Irene Billings (*Edward Arthur[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on July 13, 1904 in Manistique, Michigan and died on November 26, 1974.

Irene married **Jay Eugene Siddall** on May 30, 1937 in Manistique, Michigan. Jay was born on May 17, 1886 and died in July 1965 in Michigan.

286. Raymond Billings (*Edward Arthur[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on May 24, 1913 in Manistique, Michigan, died on June 1, 1965, and was buried in Manistique, Michigan.

Raymond married **Lucille**. Lucille was born in 1913.

The child from this marriage was:

411 M i. **Leland Raymond Billings** was born in September 1940 in Manistique, Michigan.

287. Rose-Alma Rodier (*Marie-Exilda Rosalie Billings[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on September 18, 1888 in Canada, died on March 21, 1896 in St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Notre Dame Parish Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

288. Joseph Eugene Fedora Rodier (*Marie-Exilda Rosalie Billings[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on August 23, 1900 in Granby, Québec, Canada and died after 1965 of Laurier, Québec, Canada.

In a 1940 voter roll from Chambly-Rouville, Québec, his occupation is reported as "bourgeois."

Voters Lists, Federal Elections, 1935–1980. R1003-6-3-E (RG113-B). Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

He may be the same "Phedora Rodier" listed in a 1957 voter roll in St-Hyacinthe. His occupation is "vendeur."

Voters Lists, Federal Elections, 1935–1980. R1003-6-3-E (RG113-B). Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

He appars in voter rolls with his wife Yvonne all the way until 1965.

Joseph married **Yvonne Nadeau** on September 1, 1927 in Rougemont, Québec, Canada. Yvonne died after 1965 of Laurier, Québec, Canada.

289. Leda Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born in 1890 in Manistique, Michigan and died in 1925 in Manistique, Michigan.

Leda married **Wilfrid Chartier**.

Children from this marriage were:

412 M i. **Clarence Chartier**.

413 M ii. **Russell Chartier**.

414 F iii. **Dolores Chartier**.

415 M iv. **Wilfrid Chartier**.

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290. Lea Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 20, 1894 in Manistique, Michigan and died on June 15, 1907 in Manistique, Michigan.

291. Laura-Malvina Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 17, 1896 in Manistique, Michigan.

292. Lena Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]).

293. Lela Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 19, 1900 in Manistique, Michigan and died in March 1984 in Manistique, Michigan.

Worked as a laundress in a laundry in 1920.

294. Beatrice Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1905 in Manistique, Michigan.

295. Laurina Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in October 1909 in Manistique, Michigan.

296. Leonard Lachapelle (*Marie-Emma Billings*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1911 in Manistique, Michigan and died on November 25, 1913 in Manistique, Michigan.

297. Yvonne Irene Billings (*Onésime[4], Henry[3], John[2], Enoch Jr.[1]*) was born on September 17, 1900 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on March 31, 1999 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was intestinal obstruction/sepsis.

Yvonne was the eldest child of James & Donalda Billings, born in Québec in 1900. Her mother died in 1919, her father in 1923, leaving Yvonne to take care of her six younger siblings. Never having worked outside the home, Yvonne was fortunate to quickly find a suitor in Ernest Marquette, whom she wed seven months after her father's death. They raised Beatrice and had two of their own children in 1924 and 1929.

Yvonne Marquette lost her husband to cancer in 1965 and into old age moved in with her daughter Betty in Swanton. Yvonne was deaf but still relatively sharp when she died in 1999 of an inoperable intestinal obstruction having lived a total of 98 years.

Born "Eva Irene Billings" in Granby on Sep. 17, baptized Sep. 18, 1900 (Notre Dame de Granby Baptismal Records).

• She worked as a housewife.
• She immigrated April 15, 1907 to Vermont.

Yvonne married **Ernest David Marquette,** son of **Alfred Marquette** and **Mary Mitchell,** on October 22, 1923 in St. Albans, Vermont. Ernest was born on November 20, 1899 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on September 21, 1965 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of his death was cancer.

Ernest liked to play jokes and dressed up like a woman a la Milton Berle to amuse people at parties. He was a machinist and later engineer by trade. He died of cancer.

• He worked as an engineer.

Children from this marriage were:

416 M i. **Donald J. Marquette** was born on August 13, 1924 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on July 10, 1994 in Colchester, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Donald was in the U.S. Navy during the Second World War. He was living in Schenectady, New York in 1959, later relocating to South Carolina,

where one of his daughters lived in Asheville. Per Social Security records his last residence was at Greer, South Carolina.

Donald married **Madeleine Bertrand** on June 24, 1950 in St. Albans, Vermont. Madeleine was born on May 19, 1929 in Vermont, died in October 1991, and was cremated.

Graduate of Bellows Free Academy, St. Albans, Vermont, 1947.

• Madeleine worked as a court stenographer.

417 F ii. **Betty Theresa Marquette** was born on February 9, 1929 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on August 16, 2007 in Swanton, Vermont.

Betty was a graduate of Bellows Free Academy in St. Albans, 1947. Matchmaker for her cousin, Bob Farrell and wife Nina, who Betty knew from the academy. Earl and Betty moved to 13 Laroe St. in Swanton after their marriage.

Betty married **Earl Roy Taylor** on April 4, 1959 in St. Albans, Vermont.

• Earl worked as a building contractor.

298. Thomas Fredora Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 22, 1902 in Granby, Québec, Canada, died on January 20, 1971 in East Hartford, Connecticut, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of his death was heart disease.

Born "Joseph Fredora Billings" in Granby, Tom, like his father, was a baker by trade and never became a U.S. Citizen. He appears as Fred Billings of 29 Nason St., baker, appears in the 1919 St. Albans directory, along with his father, a baker, and sister Yvonne, who did "domestic" work. Tom remained in the home of his father and was still there when he wed. His name appears as "Fredora Joseph Billings" in his 1925 marriage certificate, but he was known by a new name. While he was in school Fredora was made fun of by the kids for his unusual first name, so his father had suggested he could be called "Tom", a name he apparently picked out of the air. It stuck with him for the rest of his life.

Tom's first wife died shortly after giving birth to their son, Edwin. Edwina and "Eddie" were raised largely by Tom's sister, Alice "Taunt" Truso, who kept house for him before she married in 1931. Tom, who lived in Chicopee, Massachusetts for a time, remarried a few years later and around 1938, according to daughter Edwina, moved to Hartford, Connecticut where he plied his trade at First National Bakery. Upon marrying his third wife, Tom adopted her son, Billy, who has since disappeared. According to Edwina Holmes:

"I have no idea where Billy is. The last time we saw him he was in the Marines. My daughter Susan was about 14 mo. old & I have a picture of him holding her. He left to go back to his base & we never heard from him again. Letters were never answered. I was lead to believe he went AWOL & was last seen (that would have been early 1952 when he was at our house in VT on leave) in civilian clothes."

By April 1959, Tom was still living in his Hartford apartment, per a wedding article of his niece, Betty. By 1968, according to his brother's obituary, he was living in East Haddam, Connecticut. He owned a cottage there on the Connecticut River where he threw parties about every weekend. When his health began failing, Edwina put her father in a nursing home in East Hartford, where he died in 1971 at the age of 68 after a history of heart problems. He had donated his body to Yale University for medical research. They kept it for a time before returning his remains to the family for burial in St. Albans.

• He worked as a baker.
• He immigrated April 15, 1907 (Canada to VT) in 1907 to Vermont.

Thomas married **Susan Desmond**. Susan was born in 1901, died in 1944, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

The child from this marriage was:

418 M i. **William Billings** died of Los Angeles, California. Mentioned living in Los Angeles in his father's obituary (1971).

Thomas next married **Helen Mary Jarvis,** daughter of **Edwin Joseph Jarvis** and **Elizabeth Watson,** on January 5, 1925 in St. Albans, Vermont. Helen was born on May 9, 1905 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on July 16, 1928 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Children from this marriage were:

419 F i. **Mary Edwina Donalda Billings** was born on August 10, 1925 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on May 4, 2009 in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Edwina was raised by her aunt Alice "Taunt" Truso. Edwina's eldest daughter graduated from High School in St. Albans in 1969, but her other two sons did not, suggesting she moved to CT with husband Bob Holmes by the time they graduated.

OBIT: HOLMES, Edwina (Billings) Edwina (Billings) Holmes, 83, of East Hartford, the wife of the late Robert W. Holmes, Sr. died Monday (May 4, 2009) at her home. Born in St. Albans, VT she had lived in East Hartford for many years. She is survived by her children Susan Piette, Kenneth

Constantine and Michael Constantine and his wife Bettyjo, and her step-children Robert Holmes, Jr. and his wife Lynne, Ronald Holmes and his wife Wilma, Sally Munroe and her husband Ralph, Charles Holmes and David Holmes. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday (May 9th) at 11:15 a.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 27 Adams Street South, Manchester, CT. The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, Manchester is in charge of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.tierneyfuneralhome.com.

--*Hartford Courant*, May 5, 2009

Edwina married **Raymond E. Constantine** on May 15, 1948 in St. Albans, Vermont. Raymond was born on July 16, 1919 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on March 9, 1956 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Served during WW II "Vermont, Technical Sgt. 15 Sig. Service Regiment." Lived at 225 S. Main St., St. Albans, VT (1953). Railroad brakeman. Died of a sudden heart attack at the young age of 37.

• He worked as a railroad brakeman.

Edwina next married **Robert W. Holmes Sr.** on July 14, 1969. Robert was born on August 13, 1920 in Hartford, Connecticut, died on June 5, 1997 in East Hartford, Connecticut, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

The cause of his death was prostate cancer.

CM1 US Coast Guard, World War II.

• He worked as an employed by Pratt & Whitney.

420 M ii. **Edwin J. Billings** was born on June 28, 1928 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, died on October 16, 2016 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Richford, VT.

Was a graduate of Bellows Free Academy in 1946. Served in the U.S. army 1954-56. Lived in Sheldon, Vermont. In 1970 he worked for U.S. Customs, lived in Fairfax, Vermont on road 2.

Edwin married **Agnes Mitchell** on July 14, 1963 in St. Albans, Vermont. Agnes was born on June 20, 1936 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on March 30, 2016 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Hillside Cemetery, Richford, VT.

She was a nurse at Kerbs Memorial Hospital, St. Albans, Vermont.

Thomas next married **Margaret Roberts** about 1933.

The child from this marriage was:

421 M i. **Thomas Billings Jr.** was born in 1934 in St. Albans, Vermont.

Thomas married **Phyllis Benoit**. Phyllis was born in 1939.

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299. Alice Irene Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 29, 1904 in Magog, Quebéc, Canada, died on March 14, 1991 in Colchester, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was Alzheimer's disease.

Alice, a very short woman, was known as "Taunt" (apparently a misspelling of the French word for Aunt, "Tante"). Alice never drank or smoked. She worked at Kerbs Memorial Hospital in St. Albans for many years. Alice died at age 86 of Alzheimer's disease in Fanny Allen Hospital in Colchester.

• She worked as a nurse's assistant.
• She immigrated April 15, 1907 to Vermont.

Alice married **Louis John Truso,** son of **Joseph Truso** and **Mary LaFountaine,** on June 8, 1931 in St. Albans, Vermont. Louis was born on December 28, 1902 in Fairfield, Vermont, died on July 18, 1974 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Louis was a homebody, never liked to travel. Was a tall guy, nice person, never drove a car, seldom left St. Albans. His last job was stocking at a grocery store. He died of pneumonia/Parkinson's disease.

St. Albans Directories:

1925- Truso, Louis, baker, 20 Nason St.
1936- Truso, Louis (Alice), baker, 42 Messenger St.
1938- Truso, Louis (Alice), emp. at Denison's bakery, h. 42 Messenger St.
1953- Truso, Louis J. (Alice), clerk, h. 41 Messenger St.
1970- Truso, Louis (Alice), retired, h. 9 Lower Welden

• He also worked as a baker.

The child from this marriage was:

422 M i. **Louis John "Bud" Truso Jr.** was born on October 5, 1934 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on October 2, 2019 in Richmond, Vermont.

Louis married **Claire Cadreact,** daughter of **Harold Cadreact** and **Rosannah Smith,** on October 21, 1961 in St. Albans, Vermont. Claire was born in 1939 in Milton, Vermont.

• She worked as a nurse.

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300. Cecile Lucienne Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 4, 1906 in Magog, Quebéc, Canada, died on July 5, 1989 in Enfield, Connecticut, and was buried in St. James Cemetery, Manchester, CT. The cause of her death was myocardial infarction.

She was baptized Azilda-Cecile Lucienne Billings at St-Patrice de Magog on December 9, 1906.

The *St. Albans Messenger* reported every random thing she did in their social column between 1923 and 1925:

The Misses Cecile Billings, Vivian Menor, and Eileen Flannagan were visitors in Burlington yesterday (June 7, 1923)

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brady, Miss Beatrice Rich, and the Misses Yvonne and Cecile Billings of Nason St.are passing the day in Burlington today (Sep. 23, 1923).

The Misses Eva Charbonneau and Cecile Billings are leaving the city tomorrow to pass the day in Montreal (Nov. 1, 1924).

Miss Cecile Billings of Nason St. is confined to her home by illness. (Nov. 19, 1924)

Miss Cecile Billings was bridesmaid at wedding of Lee Cyr and Bertha Lapierre (Feb. 2, 1925)

The *St. Albans Messenger* social column recorded that she visited Swanton with Vivian Menard, Eileen Flanagan and Alice Billings on Feb. 15, 1925. (Feb. 16 and 19 editions).

July 1, 1925-- confined to her home due to illness.

Miss Cecile Billings has resigned her position at the Woolworth's 5 and 10 Cent store (Aug. 4, 1925)

She was a bridesmaid again in Feb. 1928 wedding of Doris Vincelette and Lawrence Richard.

A miscellaneous shower party was given Miss Cecile Billings at the home of Miss Vivian Menard last evening in honor of her approaching marriage to Emmett Farrell of this city, formerly of Underhill. (May 17, 1928).

Every time she went on a short trip to Montpelier, Burlington, Montreal or even Swanton, the *St. Albans Messenger* was there to report it.

Cecile is remembered by family as a natural born entertainer and comedienne who enjoyed playing cards, singing songs and attending lavish parties.

• She immigrated April 15, 1907 (Canada to VT) on April 15, 1907 to Vermont.
• She worked as a homemaker, retail.

Cecile married **Emmett Alexander Farrell,** son of **Phillip Farrell** and **Bridget Campbell,** on July 2, 1928 in St. Albans, Vermont. Emmett was born on January 5, 1904 in Underhill, Vermont, died on January 9, 1978 in Manchester, Connecticut, and was buried in St. James Cemetery, Manchester, CT. The cause of his death was coronary thrombosis/diabetes mellitus.

Emmett Farrell was born in Underhill, Vermont in 1904, the youngest child of middle-aged farmers of Irish descent.

Young Emmett left his father's home around 1926 and his sister's boyfriend, Louis found him work in St. Albans delivering sheet metal. In 1928 he married 21-year-old Cecile Billings of St. Albans and they had one child, Robert Emmett Farrell, born the following year. Emmett, who was musical like his father, played trumpet in the local marching band in his twenties, though he played entirely by ear, having never learned how to read sheet music.

Emmett's brothers-in-law, Tom and Henry Billings were both bakers by trade so they presumeably got Emmett his first bakery job, an occupation he stuck with most of his life. Emmett reported a modest income in the 1940 census, stating he made $1,000 in the year 1939, having worked all 52 weeks of that year and worked 50 hours per week. He was living at 16 Stowell St. in St. Albans and had been since at least 1935. Earlier, he had lived at 30 Hoyt St. (1928), 60 Fairfield St., and 99 High St. (1936).

Seeking better paying work, Emmett left his job at the local bakery in 1942, moving south to Connecticut. Tom got him in at First National Bakery in

Hartford for a time, though he later worked at Pratt & Whitney in Hartford. After establishing himself comfortably, he went back to Vermont the very next year to bring his wife and son with him. They lived in an apartment at 2433 Main St. in Hartford.

Emmett did not stay at Pratt & Whitney long and after being laid off went back to work for First National Bakery. He made desserts on the upper floors, while his son was on a lower floor, taking the boxed goods off a conveyor belt. Later even Bob's son, Mark worked at F.N.B.

In 1956 Emmett bought a house (without Cecile knowing) in suburban Manchester, CT. She was furious, but they moved in and lived there for decades.

He was a quiet, thoughtful man. Retiring on March 1, 1969 after 23 years at First National Bakery, he and he and his wife did a great deal of traveling across the country, from Mt. Vernon, VA to NY to San Francisco. In the 1970's Emmett joined a senior citizens club in Manchester, playing harmonica in the old folks band. He returned to Underhill once a year with his sisters to visit the old farm and look around the area. He suffered a near-fatal heart attack on or about Jan. 3, 1978 and spent his last days in Manchester Memorial Hospital. He died on Jan. 9.

The following is taken from a brief newspaper clipping--

"A bit of sad news to report is that our good friend and member, Emmett Farrell, has passed away. Emmett was a member of the Sunshiners and just recently moved up to the presidency of the group, replacing another deceased performer and friend, Dave Hutchinson. Our sincere heartfelt condolences to his wife, Cecile, and family."

The child from this marriage was:

423 M i. **Robert Emmett Farrell** was born on July 12, 1929 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on March 10, 2010 in Windsor, Connecticut, and was buried in St. Patrick's King St. Cemetery, Enfield, CT. The cause of his death was septicemia/urinary tract infection.

Born in the small railroad town of St. Albans, Vermont on the eve of the Great Depression, Bob moved with his parents to a Jewish/Italian neighborhood in Hartford, Connecticut on October 2, 1943, where they lived at 2433 Main St. Bob dropped out of high school in September 1945 and moved to Florida to pursue a musical career as a clarinetist for a swing band. He got a job as an usher in a movie theater and attempted to find musical work, but failed and returned to Connecticut to work at First National Bakery with his father. Very soon thereafter he started his first swing band.

Throughout the late 1940's Bob worked intermittently as a clarinetist for various wedding bands before enlisting in the USAF at Hartford on January 6, 1951. By the end of his service on November 4, 1953 he was a Staff Sargeant with the 127th Pilot Training Wing Band and First Chair Clarinetist. He spent most of the Korean war stationed at Lackland Airforce Base in San Antonio, Texas (future country music star Johnny Cash served there simeltaneously), and with the 547th Air Force Band at Luke Airforce Base in Glendale, Arizona. His service records noted he had blue eyes, brown hair stood 5'10" and weighed 145 lbs. He received the National Defense Service Medal, created by President Eisenhower in 1953.

Bob had been sent to USAF Bandsman School in Washington D.C. for advanced instrumental training in April-June 1953 where he met his future wife Nina, who was vacationing with his cousin.

Bob returned home to Hartford in November 1953 and dated Nina Sartorelli (mostly by mail) for the next two years until their engagement in 1956. They married the following year and in May 1958 moved out of his parents' home in Manchester, CT to buy their own home in Enfield.

Bob held a variety of jobs over the next few years, including as a door-to-door salesman and draftsman for Kahn & Co., a job he liked very much but couldn't keep because the company would not reimburse employees for distance traveled to work. He worked again as a machine operator at First National Bakery from 1961 to 1990.

Bob had a great affection for playing chess and going fishing-- he went every year with Frank Sartorelli and during the 80's with his son-in-law Joseph Gladczuk, driving to the southern part of Vermont to stream fish. He also enjoyed a wide range of intellectual pursuits and curiosities, from biblically oriented research by British-Israelist Herbert Armstrong to lay-oriented Cosmology by Carl Sagan. In his retirement he attended mass daily with his wife, arriving early to say a daily rosary. He was a strong Republican and voted for Ronald Reagan, though his father, like most Catholic Irish, voted Democrat.

One of the great joys of his life was playing semi-professional Big Band music; he played with and even fronted several successful bands from the 1940's until he retired from it in 1969. His band in the late fifties and into the sixties was known as Bob Farrell's Orchestra (1957-1962) or The Bob Farrell Trio (which had a residency at The Gaslight in Manchester in

1968). They often played at the Marco Polo in East Hartford.

Robert married **Giovannina Maria Sartorelli,** daughter of **Giovanni Giglio Sartorelli** and **Maria Rosa Trenti,** on April 27, 1957 in Sheldon Springs, Vermont. Giovannina was born on March 16, 1928 in Dro, Trento, Italy.

• She worked as a receptionist, saleswoman, housewife.
• She immigrated June 21, 1934 (Italy to U.S.A.).
• She was described as 5'1", 122 lbs.

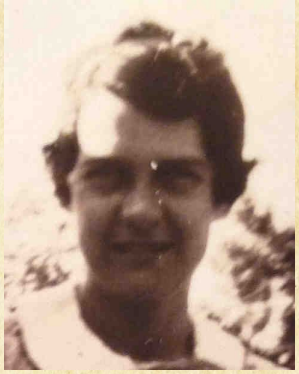
301. Henry Felix Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 7, 1908 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on September 26, 1968 in Burlington, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of his death was heart attack.

After the deaths of his parents, Henry quit school and he and his sister Beatrice moved in with their sister, Yvonne Marquette. Henry remained there until at least 1930. Henry later worked at a bakery in Burlington. He was best man at his sister Cecile's wedding in 1928 and enlisted in the army on April 30, 1942 during World War II. His gravestone reads: "Vermont, S. Sgt., HQ Co. 785 Tank BN, World War II." He was a member of the Green Mountain Post 1, the American Legion and of Robert E. Glidden Post 758, and of Veterans of Foreign Wars. Henry lived at 277 Lake St., St. Albans, VT.

He made "the best chicken and biscuits" for dinner. -Nina Farrell

Henry died suddenly after collapsing while at work at Fassett's Bakery in Burlington. According to family accounts, Henry had just returned from vacation and had gone to work. Feeling unwell, he sat down in a chair and his heart burst- his chest was black, evidence of a massive hemmorhage. His wife, Madeleine, whom he had met in school, lived alone for the next 30 years until she broke her hip in 1998 and was sent to a nursing home.

• He worked as a baker.



Henry married **Madeleine Elizabeth O'Brien** on August 25, 1942 in St. Albans, Vermont. Madeleine was born on September 11, 1910 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on August 8, 2002 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Graduate of Holy Angels Commercial School, customs analyst for the Railway Express Agency for over 26 years, and later with F. W. Myers Brokerage for eight years before her retirement.

• She worked as a clerk for Railway Express Agency.

302. Lillian M. Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 7, 1910 in Swanton, Vermont, died on November 5, 1918 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was influenza/pneumonia.

Lillian was a victim of the global influenza pandemic of 1918. Vermont vital records give her cause of death as pneumonia/pleurisy resulting from influenza, duration of three weeks.

303. Doris Bernadette Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 14, 1912 in Swanton, Vermont, died on July 4, 1988 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was sepsis/dementia/Alzheimer's type.

Doris worked most of her life at Union Carbide as a line operator in the factory section. Her niece, Betty Marquette, worked in the office.

Doris developed Alzheimer's disease in old age and was taken care of by her husband. After she walked away from her house one day and had her family searching the town for her, her husband put her in a nursing home in St. Albans where she died at age 76.

Doris married **Wilfred J. Shepard** on November 21, 1933 in St. Albans, Vermont. Wilfred was born on March 23, 1909 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on May 26, 2005 in Enosburg Falls, Vermont.

Wilfred was known as "Bob" Shepard. He lived at 16 Stowell St., working as a plumber in the 1936 directory of St. Albans. Emmett Farrell and family lived there shortly thereafter. By 1953, Bob was a sales manager for the Sanitary Supply Co., lived at 24Stowell St. By 1970 he was employed at Touchette &

Shepard, lived in a house on Bradley Court.

Bob Shepard spent his final days in an assisted living home, Brownway Residence of Enosburg Falls, Vermont.

Obituary:

ENOSBURG FALLS - Wilfred J. "Bob" Shepard, 96, passed away early Thursday, May 26, 2005, at the Brownway Residence in Enosburg following a brief illness. He was born in St. Albans March 23, 1909, the son of the late Paul and Rose (Beaudry) Shepard. Bob was married to the former Doris Billings, who predeceased him on July 4, 1988.

Bob was owner of Touchette and Shepard Plumbing Company. He was a third degree and life member of the Knights of Columbus Council 297 since 1944, a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, served on the Board of Directors and was a Past President of the Champlain Country Club and for several years was a school bus driver for the St. Albans City School.

Survivors include his sons: Gerald D. Shepard and his wife, Joan of East Highgate, Gary H. Shepard and his wife, Donna, of Leesburg, Fla..; three granddaughters: Vicki Shepard, Colleen Shepard and Laurie Shepard Merino and her husband, Juan Carlos Merino Martin; and two great-grandchildren, Ana and Alex.

A Vigil Service will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at 7 p.m. in the Heald Funeral Chapel, 87 South Main St., St. Albans with the Reverend Leonidas B. Laroche, Pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church officiating. Interment will be in the Shepard family lot in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Bob's family will receive friends on Saturday from 4 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Franklin County Home Health Agency, 3 Home Health Circle, St. Albans, Vt. 05478.

• He worked as a plumber, sales manager, Sanitary Supply Co.

Children from this marriage were:

424 M i. **Gerald David Shepard** was born on September 27, 1937 in St. Albans, Vermont.

Gerry lived in Franklin and later East Highgate, Vermont. Graduated from Bellows Free Academy in 1955.

Gerald married **Joan Helen Cochran,** daughter of **Myron Cochran** and **Dorothy Creller,** on February 9, 1964 in St. Albans, Vermont. Joan was born on July 13, 1943 in St. Albans, Vermont.

• She worked as an employed by Union Carbide.

425 M ii. **Gary Henry Shepard** was born on August 2, 1945 in St. Albans, Vermont.

Gary married **Donna Goodroe,** daughter of **Israel Goodroe** and **Florence Underwood,** on July 6, 1968 in St. Albans, Vermont. Donna was born on January 14, 1948 in Vermont.

Graduate of Bellows Free Academy, 1966.

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304. Hortense Germaine Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 30, 1913 in Swanton, Vermont, died on May 31, 2004 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Mgr Pelletier Cemetery, Granby, Québec. The cause of her death was heart disease.

Hortense and her younger sisters Rolande and Gabrielle were sent to live with their aunt Dora in Granby in June 1919, when Gabrielle was just six or seven days old. After their mother's funeral, the children were sent by train to live with their aunt Dora Daviau in Granby, Québec, who had no children. They were educated in French. Dora and husband Alcedor took good care of the Hortense and Gabrielle and raised them in their home at 309 Notre-Dame Street in Granby. Rolande was taken care of by two aunts (Virginie & Roseanna) and uncle Adelard Robitaille at the house that formerly belonged to their grandfather, Louis, on St-Charles Street. When they reached old age Rolande took care of the three of them.

Hortense began to work at the age of sixteen during summer vacation from High School. She found work at a shop that weaved material for bathing suits, corsets and "material to cover material for studio." She was an inspector and made ten cents an hour. She worked five days a week and made time-and-a-half on Saturdays. At that time an hour's pay could buy a loaf of bread, and butter was twenty-five cents a pound.

Later the two younger sisters went to work at the same shop, Gabrielle beginning during World War II, starting at a higher pay rate.

In 1971 Hortense went to work for a company called Voyages Granby, selling tickets and organizing tourism groups. She received 5% on every ticket sold and on her own travels her tickets were free. She also received two free tickets in addition, so she took her two sisters on frequent vacations. Hortense, Rolande and Gabrielle visited France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Greece, Barbados, Jamaica, and Florida, and the Rocky Mountains in Canada and the United States. Hortense also frequently organized one or two-week boat excursions for senior citizens: "We are well [known] here, it was easy fill my box, the old person[s] by the time they leave their rocking chairs and travel instead, after they try they come and kiss me for the nice trip they did. Now I be scare, too many accidents. I organized Florida 6 times in February, but I preferred Barbados, the weather was nice in January." Hortense retired from tourism in 1988.

"17 years organized groupe I had commissions and tickets free for my work. So now we live with her souveniers, because we do not go far, we do not [walk] much hard year to understains [understand.]"

On May 26, 2001 the three sisters moved from their home at 71 St-Charles to an assisted living home up the road. Hortense, who suffered from heart disease for years died after a series of heart attacks at age 90 years.

From Obituary Daily Times:
BILLINGS, Hortense; ; Granby QC; La Voix de l'Est; 2004-6-1; pauger

• She worked as a textile inspector and travel agent.
• She immigrated on June 16, 1919 to Canada.

305. Rolande Lorraine Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 22, 1915 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on July 5, 2007 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Mgr Pelletier Cemetery, Granby, Québec. The cause of her death was Alzheimer's disease.

À Granby, le 5 juillet 2007, à l'âge de 91 ans, est décédée Mlle Rolande Billings, fille de feu Donalda Robitaille et de feu Onésime Billings, demeurant à Granby. Elle laisse dans le deuil:
sa soeur: Gabrielle Billings ainsi que ses cousines : Édesse Larose-Martin, Annette Larose-Roger et ses ami(e)s: Pierrette Gagnon, Serge Gaouette, Isabelle Gaouette, Cécile Forand et autres ami(e)s.
Les funérailles auront lieu le lundi 9 juillet 2007.
Le convoi funèbre partira du:

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pour se rendre à l'église Notre-Dame, où le service sera célébré à 11 heures, suivi de l'inhumation au cimetière Mgr Pelletier de Granby. Les heures d'accueil seront lundi, jour des funérailles, à compter de 10 heures au Complexe.
La famille désire remercier le personnel du 4e étage du C.H.G. pour les bons soins prodigués àMlle Billings.
Des dons à la Fondation Alzheimer de Granby et région seraient appréciés. Formulaires disponibles au bureau du Complexe Le Sieur.

• She worked as a textile shop worker.
• She immigrated on June 16, 1919 to Canada.

306. Beatrice Monica Billings (*Onésime*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 20, 1917 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on August 22, 1993 in Burlington, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was heart disease.

Bea Wells was a "beautiful person" and a good cook- made a "mayonnaise chocolate cake." The Wells's lived at 16 S. Elm St. in St. Albans and owned a cottage on St. Albans Bay of Lake Champlain. Bea lived with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Marquette and brother Henry Billings at 3 S. Elm St. in St. Albans prior to her marriage.

• She worked as a clerk at Fishman's store in St. Albans.

Beatrice married **Theodore A. Wells** on June 12, 1938 in St. Albans, Vermont. Theodore was born on May 28, 1916 in Georgia, Vermont, died on February 21, 1994 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of his death was edema.

His cottage on St. Albans Bay was the site of the final Billings reunion on July 5, 1980. Debbie Farrell: "it was the best place! I couldn't wait to get there when I was a kid. The walls didn't go up to the ceilings so you could go on top of the bunk bed and talk to the person on the other side. The mosquitos used to eat you alive. I used to bring the covers up over my head so just my nose was poking through because you could hear the mosquitos buzzing around you in the darkness. Uncle Ted built the place and used it for storage."

• He worked as a diesel mechanic, contractor.

Children from this marriage were:

426 M i. **David Theodore Wells** was born on June 18, 1940 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on April 28, 2007 in Sheldon, Vermont.

Of Sheldon, VT. David served his country honorably in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1961. A portion of his duty was in the Mediterranean on the ship USS.Nitro. Graduated from Bellows Free Academy in 1958, David later became a bank teller and moved up the ranks of the bank administration to Senior Vice President of People's Trust Co. of St. Albans.

He suffered a stroke in 2000, which left him walking with a cane.
David married **Melodye Jean Ledbeater,** daughter of **Filmer Francis Ledbeater** and **Frances Sheldon,** on August 22, 1964 in St. Albans, Vermont. Melodye was born on August 14, 1944 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on August 2, 2012 in Swanton, Vermont. The cause of her death was Cancer.

Swanton - Melodye Jean Wells, 67, passed away on August 2, 2012, in the comfort of her home with her family at her side after a brief but courageous battle with cancer.

Born on August 14, 1944, in St. Albans, Melodye was the daughter of the late Filmer and Frances (Sheldon) Leadbeater.

Melodye married David Theodore Wells in St. Albans on August 22, 1964. David was a long time employee of People's Trust Company and completed his journey in life on April 28, 2007.

Melodye was a 1962 graduate of Bellows Free Academy, and was employed for 23 years at A.N. Deringer, Inc. After the insurance division was purchased by Hackett Valine & MacDonald, Inc., Melodye enjoyed another 11 years of employment and managed the Select Business Unit where her diligent care for her clients made her a valued and respected employee.

She held several insurance designations, was a member of the Red Hat Society, a communicant of Holy Angels Parish and volunteered for Hospice.

Melodye enjoyed the ocean, traveling, casinos, the great outdoors and being with her family and friends. Her happiest moments were spending time with her two grandchildren Zachary and Aubrey.

Melodye is survived by her two daughters, Kim Wells and her husband, Charlie Utz, of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts and Robin Wells and Fiancé, Brian Devaney of Swanton, Vermont; her grandchildren, Zachary Utz and Aubrey Claire Devaney; brothers, Arnold and Robert Leadbeater, sister, Lorraine Martin; sister-in-law, Joanne Wells and her partner, Michael Cain; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Larry and Sally Wells; several nieces and nephews, her best friend, Sally Severy and her beloved cat Smuggs.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Sunday, August 5, 2012, from 4 to 8 PM at the Heald Funeral Home, 87 South Main Street, St. Albans.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, August 6th at 11:00 A.M. in Holy Angels Catholic Church, Lake Street, St. Albans. Interment will follow in the family lot in Sheldon Village Cemetery.

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• She worked as an Insurance agent, A. N. Deringer Inc., St. Albans, VT.

427 M ii. **Larry James Wells** was born on February 7, 1942 in St. Albans, Vermont, died in March 2015 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

His obituary:

ST. ALBANS — Larry James Wells, 73, a lifelong resident of St. Albans, died peacefully at his home, in the arms of his loving wife, after a courageous battle with cancer. Larry was born on Feb. 7, 1942, the son of Theodore and Beatrice Wells. He attended Holy Angels Parochial School, and graduated from Bellows Free Academy in 1960. He attended Mankato State College in Mankato, Minn. Larry married the love of his life, Sally, on May 18, 1963, and the two of them would be celebrating their 52nd year of marriage this year.

Larry worked for the Central Vermont Railroad as a telegraph operator for seven years, leaving that position to pursue a career at IBM. He was a manager in the Software Development Department and retired from IBM in 2002, after 33 years of service.

Larry was a member of the St. Albans Vermont Elks Lodge #1566. Larry loved to hunt, fish, swim and ski. He also enjoyed painting, the music of his era (50's and 60's), as well as old movies.

Survivors include his wife, Sally; daughter, Tracey Wells-Atherton and her husband, Dirk Atherton of Fort Myers, Fla.; his son, Scott Wells and his wife, Linda Wells, of St. Albans, and his granddaughter, Ashley Wells, also of St. Albans, who always put a smile on his face.

He also leaves behind an uncle, Ronald Wells of Sterling, Mass.; a sister-in-law, Anne Kenyon of St. Albans; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Guise and her husband, George Guise, of Milltown, N.J.; special friends, Richard and Roberta Allard of St. Albans; Donald and Sally Allard of Burlington, Vt., as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews, all of whom held a special place in his heart.

Larry was predeceased by his parents, Theodore and Beatrice Wells; his brother, David Wells; sister-in-law, Melodye Wells; brother-in-law, Donald Kenyon and his in-laws, William Kenyon and Audrey Kenyon.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend calling hours on Thursday, March 19, 2015, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Heald Funeral Home, 87 So Main St., St. Albans. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 20 at 11 a.m. in Holy Angels Church. 245 Lake St., St. Albans. Interment will be later this spring in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Larry married **Sally June Kenyon,** daughter of **William Kenyon** and **Audrey Wisher,** on May 18, 1963 in St. Albans, Vermont. Sally was born on March 20, 1944 in St. Albans, Vermont.

Bellows Free Academy, class of 1962.

428 F iii. **Joanne Marie Wells** was born on June 12, 1955 in St. Albans, Vermont.

Married and divorced twice, has a daughter. Graduated from Bellows Free Academy in 1973, where she later taught. She later had a Post Office Box in Sheldon, VT.

Joanne married **Mark Philip Beauregard**.

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307. Gabrielle Donalda Billings (*Onésime*^{4}*, Henry*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on June 10, 1919 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on December 7, 2016 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Mgr Pelletier Cemetery, Granby, Québec.

Gabrielle was born "Gertrude Marie" Billings, but evidently had her name changed to honor her mother, who died giving birth to her.

Ms. Gabrielle Billings

1919-2016

In Granby, on December 7, 2016, at the age of 97 years, Mrs. Gabrielle Billings, residing in Granby, died.

She leaves to mourn her great friends: Pierrette Gagnon (Serge Gaouette) and Isabelle Gaouette as well as other relatives and friends.

The family will receive the testimonies of sympathy from noon on Friday, December 9, 2016, in the chapel of:

FUNERAL COMPLEX
MISTER
60 Boul. Pie IX, Granby, Qc,
Tel: 450-777-1414 telec: 450-777-0999
Www.lesieur.ca - info@lesieur.ca
Member of the CTQ
Followed by a short prayer at 12:30, followed by the burial at the cemetery Mgr Pelletier, Granby.

The family would like to thank Dr. Danielle Bellamy and all staff at the CHSLD in Granby for the good care given to Ms. Billings during her stay with them.

• She immigrated on June 16, 1919 to Canada.
• She worked as a textile shop worker.

308. Marie-Artemise Germaine Billings (*George Joseph*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 2, 1904 in St-Cesaire, Québec, Canada, died on February 16, 1993 in South Hadley, Massachusetts, and was buried in Precious Blood Cemetery, South Hadley, MA.

Marie-Artemise married **Armand Caouette** in 1931 in Holyoke, Massachusetts. Armand was born on January 5, 1904 in Waterloo, Québec, Canada and died in July 1967 in Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

429 F i. **Marguerite Lorraine Caouette** was born on May 22, 1932 in Holyoke, Massachusetts and died on June 12, 2014 in Massachusetts.

Marguerite married **Lewis Albert Squires** in 1954 in Belchertown, Massachusetts. Lewis was born in 1932 and died in 1987.

430 F ii. **Ann Marie Caouette** was born in 1940 in Massachusetts.

309. Oza William Billings (*George Joseph*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1906 in St-Cesaire, Québec, Canada, died on February 25, 1967 in Chicopee, Massachusetts, and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Chicopee, MA.

Said to be charismatic like his father, drawing caricatures of people, telling jokes, etc.

His obituary claims he was born at St-Camille, Québec He had lived in Chicopee for 46 years and was employed by H.L. Handy Co.

Oza married **Valida Denoncourt**. Valida was born in 1910 and died on December 22, 1979 in Chicopee, Massachusetts.

The child from this marriage was:

431 M i. **Arthur Joseph Billings**.

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310. LaRue F. Billings (*Anthony Victor*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 29, 1914 in Chicago, Illinois, died on January 10, 2013 in Schiller Park, Illinois, and was buried in All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL.

Chicago Tribune, Jan. 13, 2013 (another obit gives death date as Jan. 10)

LaRue F. Mullen, nee Billings, age 98, beloved wife of the late James V.; devoted mother of Maureen (Richard) Latuszek; loving grandmother of Timothy. Funeral Monday, 9 a.m. from Salerno's Galewood Chapels, 1857 N. Harlem Ave. to St. Beatrice Church, 4157 Atlantic Ave., Schiller Park for 10 a.m. Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Visitation Sunday, 3 to 8 p.m. Arrangements by NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. 773-745-1333.

LaRue married **James V. Mullen** before November 1949.

The child from this marriage was:

432 F i. **Maureen C. Mullen** of Schiller Park, IL.

Maureen married **Richard Latuszek**.

311. Lorraine A. Billings (*Félix Ernest*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 14, 1909 in St. Albans, Vermont and died in August 1989 in Auburn, New Hampshire.

Lorraine A Billings was a student nurse in training on 7 April 1930 at Fitchburg, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA. She was single.

Lorraine married **Victor Desjardins** on September 6, 1932 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Victor was born on July 4, 1906 and died in October 1981 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

312. Euclide Felix Billings (*Félix Ernest*[4], *Henry*[3], *John*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 18, 1916 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, died on August 2, 1963 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA.

The Fitchburg Sentinel reported on July 26, 1937 that Euclide Billings was arrested with another man on charges of accepting stolen property. On August 11, 1938, it reported that Euclide was arrested with several other people on charges of breaking and entering. On October 25, 1938, Euclide pleaded guilty to the charge plus larceny for breaking into Brocketman Bros.

Euclide's rap sheet doesn't end there. The Dec. 9, 1944 edition of the Sentinel reported that Euclide's wife, Edith was filing for divorce and "alleges cruelty" by her husband. She sought custody of their son and an "allowance" for supporting him.

Euclide later remarried to a woman named __ Rania, apparently removing to Lunenburg, MA. (*Fitchburg Sentinel*, 27 May 1963). He has an entry in the Mass. marriage index in Fitchburg for the year 1951.

His obituary on Aug. 2, 1963 reports that he died "this morning at Massachusetts General Hospital" in Boston and lived at 79 Sunny Hill Rd. in Lunenburg. He had

been employed by the Commonwealth Plastic Co. and had spent most of his life in Fitchburg and was born there. Euclide was buried on August 5.

Euclide married **Edith Miller** before December 1944. The marriage ended in divorce. Edith was born on May 26, 1918 in Massachusetts, died on November 25, 1986 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and was buried in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg, MA.

Children from this marriage were:

433 M i. **Euclide Felix Billings Jr.**

434 M ii. **Arthur Euclide Billings** was born on May 12, 1935 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts and died on September 14, 1997 in Leominster, Massachusetts. He is pictured at right.

Arthur next married **Claudette Brown** on January 20, 1957 in New Hampshire.

Euclide next married **Rania** in 1951.

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313. Grace Allard (*Julien Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1900 in Québec, Canada.

314. Valentine Allard (*Julien Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1904 in Québec, Canada.

315. Renée Allard (*Julien Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1905 in Québec, Canada.

316. Marie Allard (*Julien Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1909 in Québec, Canada.

317. Julius Allard (*Julien Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1912 in Québec, Canada.

318. Blanche Allard (*Julien Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on February 9, 1886 in Canada and died after 1901 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

319. Joseph-Eugene Allard (*Eugene Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on February 16, 1902 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada and died on October 5, 1944 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Joseph-Eugene married **Lena Dubois** on November 11, 1924 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

The child from this marriage was:

435 F i. **Rose Mary Allard** was born on July 23, 1925 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

320. Antoine-Louis Allard (*Eugene Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on December 10, 1904 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, died on February 7, 1905 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Stanstead, Québec, Canada.

321. Joseph-Rosaire-Julien-Philippe Allard (*Eugene Allard*^{4}*, Marie-Stephanie Billings*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on February 10, 1907 in Rock Island, Québec, Canada and died after 1921 of Rock Island, Québec, Canada.

322. Anna J. Marren (*Mary Louise Billings*^{4}*, Joshua S.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1900 and died in 1996.

323. Mary Marren (*Mary Louise Billings*^{4}*, Joshua S.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1902 and died in 1987.

324. Winifred Marren (*Mary Louise Billings*^{4}*, Joshua S.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1904.

325. John Emmet Marren (*Mary Louise Billings*^{4}*, Joshua S.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1905 and died in 1962.

326. Thomas Edward Marren (*Mary Louise Billings*^{4}*, Joshua S.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1907 and died in 1994.

327. Clara T. Marren (*Mary Louise Billings*^{4}*, Joshua S.*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1909 and died in 2002.

328. Charles E. Castle (*Mabel Lucy Billings*^{4}*, Joseph Alcide Louis*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1909 in Illinois and died after 1920 of Proviso, Illinois.

329. Robert Burton Billings (*Edward J.*^{4}*, Joseph Alcide Louis*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1922 in Aurora, Illinois and died in 1944 in World War II.

330. Jane A. Billings (*Edward J.*^{4}*, Joseph Alcide Louis*^{3}*, John*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born in 1927.

331. William Rowley (*George Timothy Rowley*^{4}*, Jane Billings*^{3}*, Timothy*^{2}*, Enoch Jr.*^{1}) was born on August 14, 1879 and died in 1880-1969.

332. Clark Alan Rowley (*George Timothy Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 1, 1880 in Kansas and died in March 1958.

Clark married **Esther Johnson**.

333. Hattie M. Rowley (*George Timothy Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 3, 1882 in Colorado and died on November 15, 1966 in Carlyle, Kansas.

334. Charles Edward Rowley (*George Timothy Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 10, 1884 in Cherryvale, Kansas and died on May 30, 1947.

Charles married **Lily Mae Tomlinson**.

335. Harry Rowley (*George Timothy Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1885 and died on August 15, 1886.

336. Nellie Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 28, 1886 in Colorado and died on April 20, 1937 in Humboldt County, California.

337. Pearl Maude Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 17, 1888 in Colorado and died on June 21, 1960 in Humboldt County, California.

Pearl married **Frank Brelle**.

The child from this marriage was:

436 F i. **Lola Brelle** .

338. Harry Arnold Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 22, 1890 in California and died on May 1, 1913 in Imperial, California.

339. Effy Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 19, 1892 in California and died on May 15, 1977 in San Jose, California.

340. Ralph Edwin Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 22, 1894 in Fortuna, California and died on March 24, 1973 in Humboldt County, California.

341. Verna Mabel Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 6, 1896 in California and died on March 14, 1989 in San Luis Obispo, California.

342. Markle Daniel Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 26, 1900 in California and died on December 25, 1963 in Santa Clara, California.

343. Elma Vaida Rowley (*Charles Archibald Edwin Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 3, 1907 in California and died on May 2, 2003 in Fortuna, California.

Elma married **Jack Partridge**.

344. Arthur Adelbert Chapman (*Alma E. Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 7, 1882 in LaVeta, Colorado and died on February 21, 1965 in Keremos, British Columbia, Canada.

345. Alva Edward Chapman (*Alma E. Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 20, 1884 in Table Bluff, California and died on March 3, 1905 in Eureka, California.

346. Clara Myrtle Chapman (*Alma E. Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 28, 1886 in Table Bluff, California and died on February 6, 1980 in Eureka, California.

Clara married **Robert Lyle Garcelon**.

347. Hazel Cleora Chapman (*Alma E. Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 5, 1889 in California and died on January 13, 1975 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Hazel married **Harry Halcourt Walker**.

348. Walter Nelson Chapman (*Alma E. Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on May 20, 1893 in Fortuna, California and died on March 30, 1975 in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada.

Walter married **Nellie Yost**.

349. Ivy Roselia Chapman (*Alma E. Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 16, 1897 in California and died on August 31, 1979 in Vallejo, California.

Ivy married **James Arthur Smith**.

350. Minnie Mae Chapman (*Margaret Jane Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 12, 1882 in Colorado and died on January 22, 1952 in Humboldt County, California.

Minnie married **James Hiram Marsh** on July 2, 1907. James was born in 1861 and died in 1941.

Children from this marriage were:

437 M i. **John Blake Marsh** was born on May 14, 1908 in California.

438 M ii. **Carlin F. Marsh** was born on July 11, 1909 in Humboldt County, California and died in 1951.

439 F iii. **Ruth Ellen Marsh** was born on January 7, 1911 in Humboldt County, California and died in 1999.

440 M iv. **Paul Hiram Marsh** was born on October 10, 1912 in Humboldt County, California and died in 1996.

441 F v. **Rae Felt Marsh** was born on September 25, 1914 in California and died in 1985.

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351. Maude Ellen Chapman (*Margaret Jane Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on June 19, 1884 in California and died on September 7, 1951 in Eureka, California.

Maude married **Maurice John Lucas** on September 19, 1900 in Fortuna, California. Maurice was born in 1869 in France and died in 1913 in Humboldt County, California.

Children from this marriage were:

442 F i. **Cora Augustyne Lucas** was born in 1901 and died in 2006.

443 F ii. **Rena Mae Lucas** was born in 1903 and died in 1975.

Maude next married **Thomas Henry Lawrie** on May 14, 1921. Thomas was born in 1867 in Scotland and died in 1950 in Humboldt County, California.

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352. Emma Grace Chapman (*Margaret Jane Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 14, 1886 in California and died on May 11, 1968 in Loleta, California.

353. Clara Wilma Kinman (*Margaret Jane Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 25, 1891 in Table Bluff, California and died on November 2, 1964 in Eureka, California.

Clara married **John Newton James**.

The child from this marriage was:

444 F i. **Margaret James** was born in 1921 and died in 1988.

354. Gladys Volna Rowley (*John Volney Sabieski Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 20, 1896 in California and died on February 14, 1959 in Humboldt County, California.

Gladys married **Percy E. Trumbull**.

355. Forrest Devinish Rowley (*John Volney Sabieski Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 27, 1905 in Fortuna, California and died on February 17, 1982 in Santa Rosa, California.

Forrest married **Evelyn Wilsie**.

356. William Adelbert Sams (*Harriet Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 30, 1889 in Humboldt County, California and died on January 9, 1934 in San Francisco, California.

William married **Ethel Martin**.

357. Myrtle Carrie Sams (*Harriet Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 6, 1890 in Fortuna, California and died on March 15, 1964 in Humboldt County, California.

Myrtle married **Henry Irving Burg**.

358. Frances Theresa Sams (*Harriet Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 16, 1891 in Scotia, California and died on March 26, 1968 in Trinidad, California.

Frances married **William Clarence Brown**.

359. Nellie Mae Sams (*Harriet Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 13, 1894 in Rio Del, California and died on December 12, 1957 in Portland, Oregon.

Nellie married **Albert Bethuel Brown**.

360. Carl Sams (*Harriet Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 10, 1896 in Rio Del, California and died on July 10, 1896 in Rio Del, California.

361. Harold Orrison Clough (*Carrie Aldine Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on March 8, 1901 in Eureka, California and died on June 10, 1975 in Sacramento, California.

362. Delma Rebekah Clough (*Carrie Aldine Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 18, 1905 in Eureka, California and died on October 27, 1986 in Fortuna, California.

Delma married **Earl Phelps**.

363. Norman Leroy Clough (*Carrie Aldine Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 22, 1907 in Fortuna, California and died on October 28, 1999 in Ferndale, California.

Norman married **Ila May Davenport**.

364. Merry Jane Rowley (*Henry Lewis Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 3, 1908 in Hydesville, California and died on February 26, 1995 in Hydesville, California.

Merry married **Douglas True Dinsmore**. Douglas was born in 1904 and died in 1991.

365. Edwin "Pooch" Rowley (*Henry Lewis Rowley*[4], *Jane Billings*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 18, 1911 in Humboldt County, California and died on October 8, 1993 in Sparks, Nevada.

Edwin married **Ethel Florence Baxter**.

366. Luther Albert Sherley (*Myrtle Eva Billings*[4], *John*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]).

367. Mona B. Sherley (*Myrtle Eva Billings*[4], *John*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]).

368. Harold W. Sherley (*Myrtle Eva Billings*[4], *John*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]).

369. Viola Billings (*Leo John*[4], *John*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]).

370. DeWitt Billings (*Leo John*[4], *John*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]).

371. Joseph Earl Burgess (*Marguerite Irene Billings*[4], *Timothy Jr.*[3], *Timothy*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 14, 1930 in Eureka, California and died on March 5, 2006 in Grants Pass, Oregon.

372. Lottie Bedard (*John Elvin Bedard*[4], *Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1883 in Ontario, Canada and died after 1891 of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.
373. William Bedard (*John Elvin Bedard*[4], *Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1884 and died in 1939.

374. Lily Bedard (*John Elvin Bedard*[4], *Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1888 in Ontario, Canada and died after 1891 of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.

375. Matilda Bedard (*John Elvin Bedard*[4], *Jeanette Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1890 in Ontario, Canada and died after 1891 of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.

376. Dudley Taylor (*Earnest B. Taylor*[4], *Catherine Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1905 in Florida.

377. Ernest Taylor (*Earnest B. Taylor*[4], *Catherine Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1907 in Florida.

378. Gardner Taylor (*Earnest B. Taylor*[4], *Catherine Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1909 in Florida.

379. Cora Bell Babcock (*Jessie N. Kellogg*[4], *Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 6, 1900 in Welch, Louisiana and died on January 27, 1970 in Tyler, Texas. The cause of her death was bronchiogenic carcinoma.

Cora married **? Broussard**.

380. Lottie B. Kellogg (*John A. Kellogg*[4], *Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1907 in Louisiana.

381. Gracie M. Kellogg (*John A. Kellogg*[4], *Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1908 in Louisiana.

382. William Arthur Kellogg (*John A. Kellogg*[4], *Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 17, 1910 in Louisiana and died on April 17, 1961 in Beauregarde Parish, Louisiana.

383. Honora Mildred Kellogg (*John A. Kellogg*[4], *Caroline Billings*[3], *Isaac*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born about 1913 in Louisiana.

384. Earl Joss (*Hattie Jane Gardiner*[4], *Jane Melissa McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in June 1884.

385. Leslie Joss (*Hattie Jane Gardiner*[4], *Jane Melissa McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on November 20, 1886 and died in February 1968 in Holcombe, Kansas.

386. Mildred Joss (*Hattie Jane Gardiner*[4], *Jane Melissa McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in July 1896.

387. Bessie Joss (*Hattie Jane Gardiner*[4], *Jane Melissa McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in January 1898.

388. William Archibald Scofield (*Amanda Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on January 11, 1874 in Leona, Kansas, died on October 14, 1938 in Great Falls, Montana, and was buried in New Highland Cemetery, Great Falls, MT.

389. John W. Scofield (*Amanda Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 29, 1875 in Leona, Kansas, died on September 23, 1886 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

390. Henry Albert Scofield (*Amanda Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on April 14, 1878 in Leona, Kansas, died on May 10, 1880 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

391. Lydia Maria Scofield (*Amanda Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 26, 1883 in Leona, Kansas, died on May 2, 1957 in Leona, Kansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

Lydia married **William Lewis Kienzle** on October 1, 1916 in Leona, Doniphan County, Kansas. William was born in 1870 and died in 1932.

392. Chester Ernest Scofield (*Amanda Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 10, 1889 in Leona, Kansas, died on October 5, 1910 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

393. Lucien Smith Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 21, 1880 in Leona, Kansas, died in September 1957 in Searcy, Arkansas, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

Lucien married **Ida B. Hatfield**.

394. Carrie Bernice Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on December 11, 1882 in Leona, Kansas, died on May 18, 1873 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in North Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

Carrie married **Lewis R. Parcels** in 1904.

395. Raymond Harrison Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on July 11, 1888 in Leona, Kansas and died on August 8, 1968 in Hiawatha, Kansas.

Raymond married **Louise Henrietta Barber**.

396. Albert Ervin Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on September 17, 1890 in Leona, Kansas, died on September 29, 1978, and was buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

Albert married **Vella Rosetta Hatfield**.

397. Susan Eva Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on August 15, 1892 in Leona, Kansas, died on January 27, 1995 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

Susan married **James Samuel Jones**.

398. Effie Marie Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on February 21, 1896 in Leona, Kansas and died on March 14, 1972 in Hiawatha, Kansas.

399. Lillian Belle Nigus (*Albert Lee Nigus*[4], *Maria McTaggart*[3], *Maria Billings*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born on October 17, 1900 in Hiawatha, Kansas, died on August 4, 1972 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried in North Hiawatha Cemetery, Hiawatha, KS.

400. Carleen Daniels (*Carl Byron Daniels*[4], *Jennie Billings*[3], *Lewis*[2], *Enoch Jr.*[1]) was born in 1916 in Colorado and died after 1983.

Carleen married **Cecil Allen Gilbert**. Cecil was born in 1913 and died on March 9, 1983 in Denver, Colorado.

Family Group Sheet of Eleanor Billings Greene

1. Eleanor Billings, daughter of **Enoch Billings** and **Nancy Ware,** was born on October 26, 1792 in Hartford, Vermont, died on November 1, 1872 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT. The cause of her death was consumption.

Eleanor "Nellie" Billings' Vermont death certificate mistakenly gives her place of birth as Hartford, CT. Given that there is no evidence her parents ever lived there, it is more likely to refer to Hartford, VT, where her parents were recorded living in the 1790 census. Her death certificate gives her date of birth as July 1791, but her son Luther L. Dutcher gave it as Oct. 26, 1792 in his book.

HEMAN[6] GREENE (1792 – 1865)
In 1981, this photo, taken in 1856, hung in the Masonic Hall, St. Albans, Vermont.

Eleanor married **Heman Greene,** son of **Nathaniel Greene** and **Susan Alford,** on February 25, 1812 in St. Albans, Vermont. Heman was born on September 13, 1792 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on November 25, 1865 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Heman is said to have been one of the founding fathers of Saint Albans, Vermont (even though he was born there), and a loyal Freemason during the most anti-Masonic times in the U.S., having served as master of the Saint Albans Lodge. Heman worked as a surveyor and his real estate was valued at $3,300 in the 1860 census.

Heman was also a farmer and repeatedly won awards for his apples in the 1850s. He was also "first aid" to the chief of police of St. Albans. He reported in 1852 that he was the "sole authorized agent" to sell the esteemed "combination beehive" in Franklin County, Vermont. "Lovers of honey call and see the model." --*St. Albans Weekly Messenger*, Mar. 27, 1856.

Heman Greene opined that the music of 1849 was "cold and heartless" when he advertised a musical event that would feature music that was properly "patriotic and devotional... such as was sung 230 years ago." (*St. Albans Messenger* Dec. 1849)

When he died after a "sickness attended with great suffering" after more than thirty years of masonic membership, he was honored at his funeral by his freemason brothers of the Franklin Lodge who declared "the jewels of this lodge be clothed in mourning for the space of 12 months."

Children from this marriage were:

2 M i. **Horace Owen Greene** was born on January 15, 1813 in St. Albans, Vermont and died in 1887 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Horace married **Lucretia Churchill** on March 31, 1836 in St. Albans, Vermont. Lucretia was born in 1818 and died in 1878.

3 M ii. **Nathan Ware Greene** was born on October 20, 1815 in St. Albans, Vermont and died in California.

Nathan married **Marie Lucilia Brooks** on June 5, 1844. Marie was born on June 8, 1819 in St. Albans, Vermont.

4 M iii. **Heman Allen Greene** was born on January 25, 1818 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on May 25, 1872 of Highgate, Vermont, and was buried in Highgate Falls Episcopal Cemetery, Highgate, VT.

Employed as a farmer (1860 census). Heman A. Greene was a distributor for a 992-page, two volume illustrated history of the Civil War while the war was still going on (1863), according to newspaper advertisements.

Heman married **Miranda Aldis Eaton** in 1844.

5 F iv. **Elizabeth Ann Greene** was born on July 23, 1820 in St. Albans, Vermont, died in 1896, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Elizabeth married **Julius Harrington Brooks**.

6 F v. **Sarah Caroline Greene** was born on November 15, 1823 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on December 6, 1909 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Sarah married **George Augustin Ainsworth** on October 28, 1849 in St. Albans, Vermont.

7 F vi. **Jewell Greene** was born about 1825 in St. Albans, Vermont.

8 F vii. **Frances Cordelia Greene** was born on September 30, 1827 in St. Albans, Vermont.

Frances married **Harvey Phelps**.

9 M viii. **Cyrus King of Persia Greene** was born on April 17, 1830 in St. Albans, Vermont and died on January 20, 1893.

Cyrus married **Elizabeth Watson** on January 25, 1852.

10 M ix. **Sanford Azio Greene** was born on January 9, 1833 in St. Albans, Vermont and died after July 15, 1870 of Watertown, New York. According to the 1870 census, Sanford worked in a jewelry store.

Sanford married **Francina Lewis**. Francina was born in 1847 in New York and died after July 15, 1870 of Watertown, New York.

11 F x. **Mary Dutcher Greene** was born on December 20, 1837 in St. Albans, Vermont, died on January 26, 1916 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Probably named for her cousin, Mary Dutcher, who died the year before her birth.

Mary married **Porter Erastus Brainerd** in 1861. Porter was born on December 31, 1830, died on January 14, 1907 in St. Albans, Vermont, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, St. Albans, VT.

Family Group Sheet of Lewis Billings

1. Lewis Billings, son of **Enoch Billings** and **Nancy Ware,** was born on February 18, 1795 in Vermont, died on January 21, 1883 in St-George-de-Clarenceville, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Québec.

His date of birth was given as Feb. 18, 1795 in a genealogy written by his nephew, Luther Loomis Dutcher. His gravestone gives a birth calculation of February 1794. Lewis was certainly born in Vermont, possiby in Hartford or Swanton, where his parents were known to be living in 1791 and 1798, respectively.

Census records confirm his Vermont birth. He moved to Canada the same time as Enoch Jr. and received a concession from Edme Henry the same day as Enoch, July 15, 1818, the first day both men were recorded in Canada. Lewis received on that date a rental concession on Lot 28 in the Fourth Concession of Noyan.

The marriage of Lewis Billings and Lucy Wheeler was recorded in parish records of Noyan. See Caldwell's & Christie's Manor Ang 1815-1831; M-128.42. He was also witness to the burial of Ephraim Wheeler, his father-in-law, on Feb. 14, 1839 in Noyan.

Lewis Billings owned property in the 14th concession in Noyan. Map here: http://www.Québecgenweb.com/~qceastwn/archives/noyanconcessions.html

Enumerated in 1825 census of Canada in St-George, Bedford. And 1842 census is St George de Henryville.

1850 US Census, Alburgh, VT:

Lewis Billings, 1850, Alburgh Vermont (age 23) with an older Lewis Billings, age 54 (b. 1796) in a very large boarding house. Both Lewis's were born in Canada. This younger Lewis is the man who died in Sacramento in 1917 (see family file).

Lewis Billings, 1851, St. George de Clarenceville, Canada East (age "21") is the same one from this family, and the Lewis found in the 1842 census there is the 1796 born one.

1852 census of Canada

Billings, Lewis Farmer United States Universalist 59 M
Billings, Lucy Canada Episcopalian 42 F
Billings, Ephiam Farmer Canada Methodist 25 M
Billings, Nancy Canada Methodist 18 F
Billings, Martha Canada Methodist 16 F
Billings, Elsa Canada Methodist 14 F
Billings, Daniel Canada Methodist 12 M
Billings, Allen Canada Methodist 8 M
Billings, Almira(?) Canada Methodist 5 F

Lewis is not in Missisquoi 1871 census. He does make a final appearance in the 1881 census in the household of Charles and Hannah Irish of St-George-de-Clarenceville. He is age 87, b. USA.

He is referred to as "Lewis Pratt Billings" in a parish record in the Marlene Simmons index.

Lewis married **Lucy Wheeler,** daughter of **Ephraim Wheeler** and **Rachel Barlow,** on August 20, 1821 in Noyan, Lower Canada. Lucy was born about 1804 in Canada East, died on August 17, 1867 in Noyan, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Québec.

Children from this marriage were:

2 F i. **Lucinda Billings** was born on January 11, 1823 in Noyan, Lower Canada and died on January 9, 1902 in Onaga, Kansas.

Lucinda married **Daniel Brown** on June 9, 1840 in Noyan, Canada East. Daniel died in 1858.

Lucinda next married **James Smith** in 1862.

3 F ii. **Sylvina Caroline Billings** was born on November 25, 1824 in Noyan, Lower Canada, died on May 31, 1899 of Noyan, Québec, Canada, and was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Quèbec.

There is a Sylvina Billings enumerated in St-George-de-Henryville in the 1861 census, born 1824 in Canada, married Church of England.

Sylvina married **Edward Hauver** on February 9, 1841 in St-Armand, Lower Canada.

4 M iii. **Ephraim Luther Billings** was born on January 19, 1827 in Noyan, Lower Canada and died on January 21, 1883 in Sacramento, California.

Owner of liquor store E. L. Billings & Co. of Sacramento, CA. He died leaving no wife or children, and his siblings fought over his estate in court. Lewis N. Billings and his sister Martha V. Clark petitioned that because they lived in California with E.L. that his estate should be divided between them, to the exclusion of the other siblings, noting that most of the others were still in Canada. The California Supreme Court ruled against them, arguing that the estate should be evenly split among all nine, as even the California siblings were aliens living in the country who had never been naturalized.

5 F iv. **Miranda Reginalda Billings** was born on May 13, 1830 in Noyan, Lower Canada and died on July 3, 1913 of Sacramento, California.

In her husband's obituary it notes he had two wives (the first, Adelia being a daughter of Walter Billings) who were "not near related to each other." This indicates that Walter Billings (b. 1796) and Lewis Billings (b. 1794) are not brothers. Miranda lived just one person away from the Walter Billings family in the 1852 Canada census of St-George-de-Clarenceville.

Miranda married **John T. Tryon** on January 27, 1863 in Montréal, Canada East. John was born on February 21, 1824 in Clarenceville, Lower Canada and died on June 3, 1899 in Sacramento, California.

14. JOHN TRYON (David3, David2, Daniel1) was born on 21 Feb 1824 at Clarenceville, Missisquoi Co, Québec; obit in the Onaga Herald, [n.d.a.] clip from Tim Maskil 8/98. He married Adelaide Ann Billings, daughter of Walter Billings, on 9 Feb 1848 at Clarenceville, Missisquoi Co, Québec.13 He married Miranda Reginalda Billings, daughter of Lewis Billings and Lucy Wheeler, on 27 Jan 1863 at Christian Unitarian Church, Montreal, Montreal Co, Québec. He died on 3 Jun 1899 at Onaga, Pottawatomie Co, Kansas, at age 75; Onaga Herald, 8 June 1899: The obituary of John Tryon tells that he was an early and respected settler to Kansas, arriving in May, 1869. It also chronicles his two marriages, his first wife "dying March 12,1861, leaving five children - four boys and one girl. His second wife, by whom he had four children, now lives in Sacramento, Cal., where the family moved about fourteen years ago. Mr. Tryon's health failing him there, he returned to Kansas about four years ago, and being so benefited in health he remained here. Eight children survive him. He was an old member of the Masonic fraternity, and was well respected by all who knew him." It tells that his illness was one of only several week's duration, and that his children by his first wife were all with him during his last hours and in attendance at the funeral. He died at the house of his son, C.J. Tryon, who lived 5 miles northwest of the city. The obituary also referred to John as "Uncle" John Tryon, which this writer would take as a term of endearment used by others in that community. He was buried at Onaga Cemetery, Onaga, Pottawatomie Co, Kansas.

As of 1880, he was also known as John T. Tryan. John Tryon, a resident of the city of Sacramento, was born in the Province of Québec, Canada, in February, 1824. His father, David Tryon, was a boy at the time of the Revolutionary War, grandfather Tryon at the time living in Vermont, United States, but his sympathies were with his mother country, and he with his family moved across the line, going 200 miles by ox teams into the timber and settling on "rent lands," at Clarenceville, Province of Québec. David Tryon grew up there and married Jennie Crawford, a native of Scotland; the subject of this sketch was their only son. He grew to manhood, and at the age of twenty-three was married to Adelia A. Billings. She having died in 1861, he was again married, to Miranda R. Billings, a Canadian, her father being a Vermonter, but not near related to his first wife. By this second marriage there were four children. In 1869, he with his family removed to Atchison County, Kansas. After six years they took up a homestead in Pottawatomie County, living thereon seven years, then removed to the southern part of the State, within fifty miles of Indian Territory. Falling heir to the estate of Ephraim L. Billings, who had come to California in the early day and settled in Sacramento, and died in January, 1883, they removed to this city, where they have made their home ever since. (biography of unknown origin)

Children of John T. Tryon and Adelaide Ann Billings were as follows:

6 M v. **Lewis Napoleon Billings** was born on September 1, 1831 in Noyan, Lower Canada and died on June 18, 1917 in Santa Clara County, California.

Born Episcopal, baptized a Methodist in August 1857 at Clarenceville Methodist Church, Canada East.

Appears in 1850 census of Alburgh, VT with his father, both working as laborers and living in a boarding house.

Found in 1852 census as a farmer in St George de Clarenceville with his sister Miranda.

As of 1880 he was a clerk in Sacramento, California. In 1900 he was a farmer in Sacramento, and lived for much of the rest of his life in Pacific Grove, Monterey Co., CA.

Lewis married **Miranda Wheeler** on July 20, 1851.

7 F vi. **Nancy Victoria Billings** was born on January 12, 1834 in Lower Canada, died on December 12, 1913 of St-Sebastien, Iberville, Quebéc, Canada, and was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Québec.

Nancy married **Myron Martin** on July 6, 1869 in St-Armand, Québec, Canada. Myron was born in 1828 in Canada.

8 F vii. **Martha Viola Billings** was born in 1836 in Lower Canada and died after September 15, 1884 of Washington, California.

Martha married **Hiram E. Clark**.

9 F viii. **Elsie Philomelia Billings** was born on November 8, 1838 in Noyan, Lower Canada and died on August 13, 1920 of Kansas.

Clarenceville Methodist, Noyan:

Image 655 Folio Six
Billings & Irish Baptisms
Baptism of Elsie Philomelia Billings, daughter of Lewis Billings in Parish of St George, Seigniory of Noyan, County of Missisquoi, District of Bedford, Farmer and Lucy Wheeler his wife, born on the eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine; also Martha Ella, daughter of Jonathon Irish of the Seigniory of Noyan and Parish of St George, County of Missisquoi District of Bedford, farmer and the above named Elsie Philomelia Billings his wife, was born on the sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine; also, Charles Daniel son of the above mentioned parents, born on the seventeenth of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, all of whom were Baptized on the nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two in presence of the subscribing witnesses,
by me, T. W. Constable, Minister Witnesses: Nancy M. Curtis, Nancy V. Billings, Jonathan Irish Jr, Elsie Philomelia Irish. See http://missisquoigenealogy2.blogspot.com/2019/02/clarenceville-Methodist-church-of.html
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She was named in a California Supreme Court case involving her siblings as “Elsie Irish” and noting she lived in Kansas.

Elsie married **? Irish**.

10 M ix. **Daniel Dutcher Billings** was born on April 10, 1840 in Noyan, Canada East and died in 1919 in St-George-de-Clarenceville, Québec, Canada.

Daniel was a farmer.

Named for Daniel Dutcher, who died in St. Albans, Vermont in March 1819.

Daniel married **Eliza Maria Johnson** on October 12, 1869 in Noyan, Québec, Canada. Eliza died on March 19, 1910 in Clarenceville, Québec, Canada.

11 M x. **Allen E. Billings** was born about 1844 in Canada East, died on January 17, 1858 in Canada East, and was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Québec.

12 F xi. **Ellen E. Billings** was buried in Union Cemetery, St-Sebastien, Québec.

Only her name is visible on her gravestone.

13 F xii. **Almira Ella Billings** was born on June 20, 1847 in Noyan, Canada East and died after September 15, 1884 of Canada.

She is likely the Almira Billings, b. Canada in 1847, who appears as a single person in the household of Abraham Sadue in Alburgh, Vermont, 1870.

She was named as "Elmira Tittemore" and said to be of the Dominion of Canada in a 1884 California Supreme Court case involving her siblings.

Almira married **? Tittemore**.

Family Group Sheet of Philomela Billings

1. Philomela Billings, daughter of **Enoch Billings** and **Nancy Ware,** was born on January 26, 1799 in Swanton, Vermont, died on March 31, 1890 in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, IL.

Her husband, Joseph Merrill (June 2, 1777 - May 4, 1848) graduated from Dartmouth College in 1806; lived in Gorham, Middlesex and Junius, NY; congregational minister; married 3 times. First to Hannah (Platt) Birdseye Dec. 18, 1808; second to Margaret Shepherd Oct. 21, 1822; third to Philomela Billings May 13, 1828 in Phelps, NY. His parents were Thomas Merrill (1738-1820) of New Bradford, MA and Sarah Friend (1742-1813) who died in Rowley, MA.

The original record of marriage reads: Rev. Joseph Merrill of Junius (NY) m. 5/13/1828 Philomela Billings of Phelps (NY) in P; Rev. Strong (3-5/28)

Newspaper wedding notice:

28 May 1828. "MARRIED - In Phelps, on the 13th inst., by Rev. Mr. Strong, Rev. Joseph Merrill of Junius to Miss Philomena Billings, of the former place."

https://ontario.nygenweb.net/earlygenevanewsmarriagedeath4.htm

A brief bio of Joseph Merrill from a very old book gives their marriage location as Vienna, NY (Phelps Village was originally known as Vienna, according to Wikipedia).

Philomela's name appears in the *Chicago Tribune* on March 23, 1863, when it noted the death of her sister Nancy Dutcher in Vermont.

She was enumerated as "Emily Merrill" age 80, b. VT, in the US 1880 census in Chicago, IL in the home of her son, Benjamin Merrill, age 69 b. NY, father b. MA and mother b. NY. He is too old to be her biological son, so he was evidently an older son of Joseph Merrill by an earlier marriage. Benjamin was employed as a real estate broker.

Her gravestone reads "Philomela Merrill 1800-1890." Her Illinois death record states she was a widow, aged 90 years at her death, was born in Vermont, and resided at 355 Black Street in Chicago.

St. Albans Messenger reported her death on April 1, 1890:

"MERRILL In Georgia, at the residence of her son, Benjamin Merrill, Mrs. Philomela Merrill, formerly of this place, aged 88 years."

The *InterOcean* from Chicago:

"MERRILL March 31, at No. 98 LaSalle avenue. Philomela Merrill, mother of Benjamin Merrill, in her 91st year. Funeral private."

They evidently had no children together.

Philomela married **Rev. Joseph Merrill,** son of **Thomas Merrill** and **Sarah Friend,** on May 13, 1828 in Phelps, New York. Joseph was born on June 2, 1777 in Rowley, Massachusetts, died on May 4, 1848 in Junius, New York, and was buried in Southwick Cemetery, Junius, NY.

Pedigree Chart for Enoch Billings Jr.

Chart no. 1

1 **Enoch Billings Jr.**
b. January 31, 1785
p. Franklin, Massachusetts
m. Abt 1805
p. Swanton, Vermont
d. April 1870
p. Westville, New York
sp. Maria Aseltine

2 **Enoch Billings**
b. October 27, 1754
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts
m. February 1, 1781
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. October 20, 1837
p. St. Albans, Vermont

4 **Col. Roger Billings**
b. March 15, 1730
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts
m. October 25, 1753
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts
d. January 29, 1802
p. Canton, Massachusetts

8 **Stephen Billings** cont. 2
b. August 27, 1691
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. June 6, 1724
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. June 10, 1767
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts

9 **Elizabeth Fenno** cont. 3
b. May 7, 1707
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. October 17, 1783
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts

5 **Susannah Wiswell**
b. January 17, 1732
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. April 6, 1824
p. South Deerfield, Massachusetts

10 **Enoch Wiswell** cont. 4
b. March 19, 1697
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. November 30, 1722
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. February 6, 1784
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

11 **Susannah Cox** cont. 5
b. November 29, 1698
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. July 15, 1772
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

3 **Nancy Ware**
b. June 2, 1757
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. April 5, 1843
p. St. Albans, Vermont

6 **Jonathan Ware**
b. April 16, 1734
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. May 28, 1756
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. March 8, 1774
p. Mansfield, Massachusetts

12 **Jonathan Ware** cont. 6
b. February 28, 1687
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. January 13, 1732
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. April 20, 1740
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

13 **Melatiah Fisher** cont. 7
b. October 6, 1705
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. October 3, 1758
p. Mansfield, Massachusetts

7 **Meletiah Metcalf**
b. October 16, 1736
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. July 28, 1821
p. Foxboro, Massachusetts

14 **Samuel Metcalf** cont. 8
b. January 15, 1689
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. May 20, 1725
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. February 13, 1738
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

15 **Judith George** cont. 9
b. April 4, 1704
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. November 10, 1780
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

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Pedigree Chart for Enoch Billings Jr.

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 2

1 **Stephen Billings**
b. August 27, 1691
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. June 6, 1724
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. June 10, 1767
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts
sp. Elizabeth Fenno

2 **Roger Billings**
b. November 18, 1657
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. January 22, 1677
p. Braintree, Massachusetts
d. January 27, 1717
p. Sharon, Massachusetts

3 **Sarah Paine**
b. January 9, 1657
p. Braintree, Massachusetts
d. September 19, 1742
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

4 **Roger Billing**
b. July 1620
p. Prescot, Lancashire, England
m. 1644
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. November 15, 1683
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

5 **Hannah Savage**
b. Abt 1625
p. England
d. May 25, 1662
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

6 **Stephen Paine**
b. May 1626
p. Tenterden, Kent, England
m. November 15, 1651
p. Braintree, Massachusetts
d. July 29, 1691
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

7 **Hannah Bass**
b. November 1632
p. Saffron Walden, Essex, England
d. June 29, 1704
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

8 **Richard Billing**
b.
p.
m.
p.
d. December 1640
p. Prescot, Lancashire, England

9 **Elizabeth**
b.
p.
d. September 1633
p. Prescot, Lancashire, England

10
b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

11
b.
p.
d.
p.

12 **Moses Paine**
b. April 1581
p. Frittenden, Kent, England
m. Abt 1619
p.
d. June 1643
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

13 **Elizabeth Roberts**
b. October 1589
p. Cranbrook, Kent, England
d. Bef 1639
p. Kent, England

14 **Dea. Samuel Bass**
b. 1600
p. Saffron Walden, Essex, England
m. April 25, 1625
p. Saffron Walden, Essex, England
d. December 30, 1694
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

15 **Anne Saville**
b. April 1601
p. Saffron Walden, Essex, England
d. September 5, 1693
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

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Pedigree Chart for Enoch Billings Jr.

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 9 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 3

1 **Elizabeth Fenno**
b. May 7, 1707
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. June 6, 1724
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. October 17, 1783
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts
sp. Stephen Billings

2 **John Fenno**
b. August 29, 1665
p. Milton, Massachusetts
m. June 25, 1690
p. Milton, Massachusetts
d. April 23, 1741
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts

4 **John Fenno**
b. 1629
p. Lancashire, England
m.
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d. April 7, 1708
p. Milton, Massachusetts

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5 **Rebeckah Tucker**
b. Abt 1640
p. Milton, Massachusetts
d. June 12, 1690
p. Milton, Massachusetts

10 **Robert Tucker**
b. Abt 1604
p. England
m. Bef 1639
p.
d. March 11, 1682
p. Milton, Massachusetts

11 **Elizabeth Allen**
b. Abt 1610
p. England
d. After 1682
p. of Milton, Massachusetts

3 **Rachel Newcomb**
b. October 1672
p. Braintree, Massachusetts
d. October 16, 1750
p. Stoughton, Massachusetts

6 **John Newcomb**
b. July 3, 1634
p. Sudbury, Suffolk, England
m. Abt 1658
p. Massachusetts
d. March 21, 1722
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

12 **Francis Newcomb**
b. Abt 1605
p. Suffolk, England
m. May 27, 1630
p. Sudbury, Suffolk, England
d. May 27, 1692
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

13 **Rachel Brackett**
b. April 1614
p. Sudbury, Suffolk, England
d. January 5, 1685
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

7 **Ruth Marshall**
b. March 1640
p. Salem, Massachusetts
d. June 23, 1697
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

14 **Edmond Marshall**
b. Abt 1598
p. England
m. April 25, 1627
p. Dorchester, Dorset, England
d. June-September 1673
p. Ipswich, Massachusetts

15 **Millicent Blinman**
b. Abt 1601
p. of London, England
d. After 1668
p. of Ipswich, Massachusetts

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Chart no. 4

1 **Enoch Wiswell**
b. March 19, 1697
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. November 30, 1722
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. February 6, 1784
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
sp. Susannah Cox

2 **Capt. Oliver Wiswell**
b. January 25, 1664
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. January 1, 1689
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. March 14, 1746
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

4 **Enoch Wiswall**
b. September 1633
p. Dorchester, Dorset, England
m. November 25, 1657
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. November 28, 1706
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

8 **Thomas Wiswall**
b. September 1601
p. Warrington, Lancashire, England
m. Bef 1633
p. Great Packington, Warwickshire, England
d. December 6, 1683
p. Newton, Massachusetts

9 **Elizabeth Burbage**
b. Abt 1610
p. Warwickshire, England
d. Bef 1669
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

5 **Elizabeth Oliver**
b. February 28, 1639
p. Chelsea, Massachusetts
d. May 31, 1712
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

10 **Rev. John Oliver**
b. Bef 1613
p. Thorpe Achurch, Northamptonshire, England
m. Abt 1637
p.
d. April 11, 1646
p. Boston, Massachusetts

11 **Elizabeth Newgate**
b. December 1617
p. Southwark, Surrey, England
d. September 30, 1709
p. Newton, Massachusetts

3 **Sarah Baker**
b. July 12, 1668
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. April 29, 1755
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

6 **John Baker**
b. April 30, 1643
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. July 11, 1667
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. August 26, 1690
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

12 **Richard Baker**
b. Abt 1614
p. Kent, England
m. Abt 1639
p.
d. October 25, 1689
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

13 **Faith Withington**
b. October 1616
p. Leigh, Lancashire, England
d. February 3, 1689
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

7 **Preserved Trott**
b. Abt 1650
p.
d. November 25, 1711
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

14 **Thomas Trott**
b. 1614
p. England
m. Bef 1650
p.
d. August 28, 1696
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

15 **Sarah Proctor**
b. Abt 1620
p. England
d. May 27, 1712
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

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Chart no. 5

1 **Susannah Cox**
b. November 29, 1698
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
m. November 30, 1722
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. July 15, 1772
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
sp. Enoch Wiswell

2 **John Cox**
b. 1657
p. Perquamid, Maine
m. Abt May 1692
p.
d. November 23, 1742
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

3 **Susannah Pope**
b. Abt 1662
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts
d. 1712
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

4 **Capt. William Cox**
b. Abt 1600
p. Bristol, England
m.
p.
d. 1661
p. Permaquid, Maine

5 **Mary**
b. Bef 1640
p. England
d. After August 8, 1660
p. of Permaquid, Maine

6 **John Pope**
b. Abt 1620
p. England
m. Bef 1658
p.
d. October 18, 1686
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

7 **Margaret**
b. 1628
p. England
d. October 20, 1702
p. Dorchester, Massachusetts

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Chart no. 6

1 **Jonathan Ware**
b. February 28, 1687
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. January 13, 1732
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. April 20, 1740
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
sp. Melatiah Fisher

2 **Robert Ware**
b. August 1, 1653
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
m. June 4, 1677
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. September 16, 1724
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

4 **Robert Ware**
b. Abt 1615
p. England
m. March 24, 1645
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. April 19, 1699
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

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5 **Margaret Hunting**
b. Abt 1627
p. England
d. August 26, 1670
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

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3 **Sarah Metcalf**
b. December 7, 1648
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. April 13, 1718
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

6 **Michael Metcalf**
b. August 29, 1620
p. Norwich, Norfolk, England
m. April 2, 1644
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. December 24, 1654
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

12 **Michael Metcalf**
b. June 17, 1587
p. Tatterford, Norfolk, England
m. October 13, 1616
p. Heigham, Norfolk, England
d. December 24, 1664
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

13 **Sarah Elwyn**
b. June 17, 1593
p. Heigham, Norfolk, England
d. November 30, 1644
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

7 **Mary Fairbanks**
b. February 1621
p. Sowerby, Halifax, Yorkshire, England
d. June 4, 1684
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

14 **Jonathan Fairbanks**
b. Abt 1595
p. Sowerby, Halifax, Yorkshire, England
m. May 20, 1617
p. Halifax, Yorkshire, England
d. December 5, 1668
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

15 **Grace Smith**
b. Abt 1600
p. Halifax, Yorkshire, England
d. June 19, 1676
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

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No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 13 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 7

1 **Melatiah Fisher**
b. October 6, 1705
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. January 13, 1732
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. October 3, 1758
p. Mansfield, Massachusetts
sp. Jonathan Ware

2 **Capt. Ebenezer Fisher**
b. August 15, 1669
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
m. February 7, 1695
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. December 28, 1726
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

4 **Samuel Fisher**
b. Abt 1634
p. Cambridge, Massachusetts
m. March 22, 1658
p. Boston, Massachusetts
d. January 6, 1704
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

8 **Thomas Fisher**
b. Abt 1604
p. England
m. September 21, 1629
p. Saxlingham-juxta-mare, Norfolk, England
d. After 1634
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

9 **Elizabeth Allen**
b. Abt 1610
p. England
d. January 31, 1651
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

5 **Meletiah Snow**
b. September 30, 1638
p. Boston, Massachusetts
d. March 15, 1709
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

10 **Thomas Snow**
b. Abt 1613
p. England
m. Bef 1638
p.
d. Bef March 13, 1668
p. Boston, Massachusetts

11 **Milcah Kelway**
b. Abt 1615
p. England
d. 1677
p. Massachusetts

3 **Abigail Ellis**
b. July 5, 1669
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. May 23, 1747
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

6 **Richard Ellis**
b. Abt 1621
p. England
m. September 19, 1650
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. October 21, 1694
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

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7 **Elizabeth French**
b. 1629
p. England
d. July 21, 1697
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

14 **Capt. William French**
b. Abt 1604
p. England
m.
p.
d. November 20, 1681
p. Billerica, Massachusetts

15 **Elizabeth**
b. Abt 1604
p. England
d. March 31, 1668
p. Billerica, Massachusetts

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No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 14 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 8

1 **Samuel Metcalf**
b. January 15, 1689
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. May 20, 1725
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. February 13, 1738
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
sp. Judith George

2 **Dea. Eleazar Metcalf**
b. March 2, 1652
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
m. April 9, 1684
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. May 14, 1704
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

4 **Michael Metcalf**
b. August 29, 1620
p. Norwich, Norfolk, England
m. April 2, 1644
p. Dedham, Massachusetts
d. December 24, 1654
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

8 **Michael Metcalf**
b. June 17, 1587
p. Tatterford, Norfolk, England
m. October 13, 1616
p. Heigham, Norfolk, England
d. December 24, 1664
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

9 **Sarah Elwyn**
b. June 17, 1593
p. Heigham, Norfolk, England
d. November 30, 1644
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

5 **Mary Fairbanks**
b. February 1621
p. Sowerby, Halifax, Yorkshire, England
d. June 4, 1684
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

10 **Jonathan Fairbanks**
b. Abt 1595
p. Sowerby, Halifax, Yorkshire, England
m. May 20, 1617
p. Halifax, Yorkshire, England
d. December 5, 1668
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

11 **Grace Smith**
b. Abt 1600
p. Halifax, Yorkshire, England
d. June 19, 1676
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

3 **Meletiah Fisher**
b. May 1, 1667
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. September 23, 1719
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

6 **Samuel Fisher**
b. Abt 1634
p. Cambridge, Massachusetts
m. March 22, 1658
p. Boston, Massachusetts
d. January 6, 1704
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

12 **Thomas Fisher**
b. Abt 1604
p. England
m. September 21, 1629
p. Saxlingham-juxta-mare, Norfolk, England
d. After 1634
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

13 **Elizabeth Allen**
b. Abt 1610
p. England
d. January 31, 1651
p. Dedham, Massachusetts

7 **Meletiah Snow**
b. September 30, 1638
p. Boston, Massachusetts
d. March 15, 1709
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

14 **Thomas Snow**
b. Abt 1613
p. England
m. Bef 1638
p.
d. Bef March 13, 1668
p. Boston, Massachusetts

15 **Milcah Kelway**
b. Abt 1615
p. England
d. 1677
p. Massachusetts

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Chart no. 9

1 **Judith George**
b. April 4, 1704
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
m. May 20, 1725
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. November 10, 1780
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
sp. Samuel Metcalf

2 **John George**
b. Abt 1677
p. England
m. May 26, 1703
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. September 21, 1704
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts

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3 **Judith Rockwood**
b. March 17, 1681
p. Wrentham, Massachusetts
d. After 1719
p.

6 **Benjamin Rockwood**
b. September 8, 1651
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
m. September 27, 1678
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
d. December 5, 1747
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

12 **Nicholas Rockwood** cont. 10
b. 1628
p. England
m.
p.
d. January 26, 1680
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

13 **Jane Adams**
b. Abt 1630
p. England
d. December 15, 1654
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

7 **Judith Ellis**
b. April 15, 1658
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
d.
p.

14 **Thomas Ellis**
b. 1629
p. England
m. May 21, 1657
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
d. December 12, 1690
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

15 **Mary Wight** cont. 11
b. Abt 1635
p. England
d. March 7, 1693
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

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No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 12 on chart no. 9

Chart no. 10

1 **Nicholas Rockwood**
b. 1628
p. England
m.
p.
d. January 26, 1680
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
sp. Jane Adams

2 **Richard Rockwood**
b. Abt 1600
p. England
m.
p.
d. September 7, 1660
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

3 **Unknown**
b.
p. England
d. Bef March 1636
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No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 15 on chart no. 9

Chart no. 11

1 **Mary Wight**
b. Abt 1635
p. England
m. May 21, 1657
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
d. March 7, 1693
p. Medfield, Massachusetts
sp. Thomas Ellis

2 **Thomas Wight**
b. Abt 1610
p. England
m.
p.
d. March 1674
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

3 **Alice**
b. Abt 1610
p. England
d. July 15, 1665
p. Medfield, Massachusetts

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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

Chart no. 1

1 **Maria Aseltine**
b. August 15, 1787
p. Claverack, New York
m. Abt 1805
p. Swanton, Vermont
d. After August 11, 1870
p. Westville, New York
sp. Enoch Billings Jr.

2 **Andrew Asselstyne**
b. 1763
p. Churchtown, New York
m. April 1, 1783
p. Claverack, New York
d. After November 20, 1823
p. of Swanton, Vermont

4 **Isaak Esselsteyn**
b. Abt 1713
p. New York
m. Abt 1740
p.
d. After 1765
p. of Perth Amboy, New Jersey

8 **Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn** cont. 2
b. Abt 1675
p. Claverack, New York
m. December 5, 1699
p. Kingston, New York
d. Bef May 16, 1718
p. Claverack, New York

9 **Catalyntje Van Deusen** cont. 3
b. 1677
p. Claverack, New York
d. After March 8, 1730
p. New York

5 **Elisabeth Keller**
b. April 15, 1722
p. Taar Boss, New York
d. After November 3, 1763
p. of Churchtown, New York

10 **Conrad Keller** cont. 4
b. Abt 1695
p. Rhine Valley, German States
m.
p.
d. After 1742
p. of Livingston, New York

11 **Maria Barbara Proper** cont. 5
b. Abt 1700
p. German States
d. After 1742
p. of Taar Boss, New York

3 **Elizabeth Stalker**
b. Abt 1762
p. Albany County, New York
d. After November 13, 1791
p. of Claverack, New York

6 **Ambrose Stalker**
b. Abt 1725
p. Mendon, Massachusetts
m. Abt 1754
p.
d. After 1790
p. of Claverack, New York

12 **Joseph Stalker** cont. 6
b. September 18, 1681
p. Boston, Massachusetts
m. 1713
p. Marlborough, Massachusetts
d. After June 1762
p. of Hudson, New York

13 **Mary Hall** cont. 7
b. Abt 1690
p. Mendon, Massachusetts
d. After April 19, 1736
p. of Upton, Massachusetts

7 **Hannah Turner**
b. October 1728
p. Catskill, New York
d. After February 22, 1789
p. of Churchtown, New York

14 **Helmer Johannes Turner** cont. 8
b. 1704
p. Kinderhook, New York
m. Abt 1726
p.
d. After October 15, 1750
p. of Livingston, New York

15 **Anneke Oosterhout** cont. 9
b. 1706
p. Kingston, New York
d. After October 15, 1750
p. of Livingston, New York

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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 8 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 2

1 **Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn**
b. Abt 1675
p. Claverack, New York
m. December 5, 1699
p. Kingston, New York
d. Bef May 16, 1718
p. Claverack, New York
sp. Catalyntje Van Deusen

2 **Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn**
b. Abt 1630
p. Ysselsteyn, Utrecht, Netherlands
m.
p.
d. Bef January 23, 1704
p. Claverack, New York

3 **Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt**
b. Abt 1635
p. Zarrevelt, Netherlands
d. Abt 1699
p. Claverack, New York

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Chart no. 3

1 **Catalyntje Van Deusen**
b. 1677
p. Claverack, New York
m. December 5, 1699
p. Kingston, New York
d. After March 8, 1730
p. New York
sp. Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn

2 **Teuwis Abrahamsen Van Deusen**
b. Abt 1630
p. Haarlem, Netherlands
m. Abt 1653
p. New Amsterdam, New Netherlands
d. After June 28, 1686
p. of Claverack, New York

4 **Abraham Pietersen Van Deusen**
b. July 3, 1599
p. Haarlem, Netherlands
m. December 9, 1629
p. Haarlem, Netherlands
d. After July 10, 1667
p. New York City, New York

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5 **Tryntje Melchiors**
b. 1611
p. Groningen, Netherlands
d. 1672
p. New York City, New York

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3 **Helena Robberts**
b. Abt 1634
p. Netherlands
d. After June 28, 1686
p. of Claverack, New York

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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 10 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 4

1 **Conrad Keller**
b. Abt 1695
p. Rhine Valley, German States
m.
p.
d. After 1742
p. of Livingston, New York
sp. Maria Barbara Proper

2 **Christian Keller**
b. Abt 1660
p. German States
m.
p.
d. 1710
p. East Camp, Hudson River, New York

3 **Anna Margaretha**
b. Abt 1665
p. German States
d. March 21, 1716
p. West Camp, Ulster County, New York

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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 11 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 5

1 **Maria Barbara Proper**
b. Abt 1700
p. German States
m.
p.
d. After 1742
p. of Taar Boss, New York
sp. Conrad Keller

2 **Johann Proper**
b. Abt 1679
p. German States
m.
p.
d. After 1715
p. New York

3 **Anna Elizabetha**
b. Abt 1680
p. German States
d.
p.

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b.
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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 12 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 6

1 **Joseph Stalker**
b. September 18, 1681
p. Boston, Massachusetts
m. 1713
p. Marlborough, Massachusetts
d. After June 1762
p. of Hudson, New York
sp. Mary Hall

2 **Joseph Stocker**
b. Abt 1647
p. Massachusetts
m. Abt 1670
p.
d. October 20, 1703
p. Boston, Massachusetts

4 **Thomas Stocker**
b. 1620
p. England
m.
p.
d. After 1682
p. Rumney Marsh, Lynn, Massachusetts

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b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

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b.
p.
d.
p.

5 **Martha**
b. Abt 1620
p. England
d. After 1655
p. of Rumney Marsh, Lynn, Massachusetts

10
b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

11
b.
p.
d.
p.

3 **Ann Sheffield**
b. April 1, 1649
p. Braintree, Massachusetts
d. February 4, 1702
p. Boston, Massachusetts

6 **Edmund Sheffield**
b. August 1612
p. Sudbury, Suffolk, England
m. June 17, 1644
p. Roxbury, Massachusetts
d. October 13, 1705
p. Braintree, Massachusetts

12
b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

13
b.
p.
d.
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7 **Mary Woodie**
b. Abt 1622
p. England
d. March 31, 1662
p. Boston, Massachusetts

14
b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
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b.
p.
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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 13 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 7

1 **Mary Hall**
b. Abt 1690
p. Mendon, Massachusetts
m. 1713
p. Marlborough, Massachusetts
d. After April 19, 1736
p. of Upton, Massachusetts
sp. Joseph Stalker

2 **Robert Hall**
b. May 1621
p. Hammersmith, Middlesex, England
m.
p.
d. October 1727
p. Mendon, Massachusetts

3 **Unknown**
b. 1638-1680
p.
d. Bef May 28, 1708
p. of Mendon, Massachusetts

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b.
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b.
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b.
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b.
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11
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12
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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 14 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 8

1 **Helmer Johannes Turner**
b. 1704
p. Kinderhook, New York
m. Abt 1726
p.
d. After October 15, 1750
p. of Livingston, New York
sp. Anneke Oosterhout

2 **William Turner**
b. Abt 1674
p. England
m. November 15, 1702
p. Albany, New York
d. After May 7, 1743
p. of Athens, New York

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b.
p.
m.
p.
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m.
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b.
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d.
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b.
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b.
p.
m.
p.
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b.
p.
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p.

3 **Abigail Bogaert**
b. Abt 1682
p. Catskill, New York
d. After November 20, 1725
p. of Catskill, New York

6 **Gysbert Corneliszn Bogaert**
b. Bef 1640
p. Schoonrewoerd, Holland, Netherlands
m. Bef 1681
p.
d. After June 26, 1684
p. of Catskill, New York

12
b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
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13
b.
p.
d.
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7 **Mary Jochems**
b. Abt 1645
p. Netherlands
d. After 1692
p. of Albany, New York

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b.
p.
m.
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d.
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Pedigree Chart for Maria Aseltine

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 15 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 9

1 **Anneke Oosterhout**
b. 1706
p. Kingston, New York
m. Abt 1726
p.
d. After October 15, 1750
p. of Livingston, New York
sp. Helmer Johannes Turner

2 **Gysbert Oosterhout**
b. 1681
p. Kingston, New York
m. Abt 1705
p. Coxackie, New York
d. Bef October 17, 1724
p. Linlithgo, New York

4 **Jan Janssen Van Osterhout**
b. Abt 1630
p. Oosterhout, Brabant, Netherlands
m. February 18, 1663
p. Kingston, New York
d. Abt 1696
p. Kingston, New York

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b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

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b.
p.
d.
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5 **Annetjen Jelles**
b. Abt 1635
p. Bommel, Gelderland, Netherlands
d. After July 1697
p. Kingston, New York

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b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

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p.
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3 **Marytje Bogaart**
b. 1680
p. Kingston, New York
d. Bef October 17, 1724
p. Linlithgo, New York

6 **Henderik Cornelissen Bogaart**
b. Abt 1655
p. Hypick, Vianen, Netherlands
m. November 1679
p. Albany, New York
d. Bef May 9, 1716
p. Coxackie, New York

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b.
p.
m.
p.
d.
p.

13
b.
p.
d.
p.

7 **Jannetje Martens**
b. Abt 1657
p. Schenectady, New Netherlands
d. Abt 1703
p. Marbletown, New York

14 **Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn**
b. Abt 1630
p. Ysselsteyn, Utrecht, Netherlands
m.
p.
d. Bef January 23, 1704
p. Claverack, New York

15 **Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt**
b. Abt 1635
p. Zarrevelt, Netherlands
d. Abt 1699
p. Claverack, New York

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Ancestors of Maria Aseltine: The Raw Data

NOTE: These are notes from my research into the ancestry of Maria Aseltine Billings. They are not formatted or pretty, but they do contain vital information, sources, arguments and theories that explain how I came up with the tree on the previous pages, and why it may differ from other iterations the reader may find.

First Generation

1. **Maria Aseltine**, daughter of Andrew Asselstyne and Elizabeth Stalker, was born on August 15, 1787 in Claverack, New York, died after August 11, 1870 in Westville, New York, and was buried in Coal Hill Cemetery, Westville, NY.

General Notes: THE FACTS:

Census records indicate Maria was born between 1785 and 1790 in New York; they seem to consistently imply that she was between two and five years younger than her husband. Her parents were also American by birth (1870 census declaration).

She gave birth to eight known children between 1806 and 1825. There were certainly others, per census records, born as late as 1828.

1810 US Census gives her age as 26-45 (b. 1765-1784)
1825 Canada Census gives her age as 45+ (b. bef. 1780)
1831 Canada Census gives her age as 14-44 (b. 1787+)
1842, 1851 Canada Census give no data.
1861 Canada Census lists her age as 70 (b. 1790-1791) and her birthplace as U.S.
1870 Franklin Co. NY census lists her age as 86 (b. 1784) and her birthplace as NY.

Census record of her son Isaac in 1880 lists his parents' birthplaces as VT and NY.
Census record of her daughter Maria in 1880 lists her parents' birthplaces as NY and NY.
Census record of her son Heman in 1880 lists his parents' birthplaces as VT and VT.
Census record of her son Lewis in 1880 lists his parents' birthplaces as VT and VT.
Census record of her son Lewis in 1900 lists his parents' birthplaces as MA and NY.
Death certificate of her son Abraham states his parents' birthplaces as NH and US.

Neither Maria nor Lewis appear in the 1875 New York state census, suggesting she was deceased and he had moved on (an account from one of his descendants says he left NY in 1879).

Two records that ought to report her maiden name (marriage of son John in Catholic parish, death of son Abram in NJ) simply call her "Maria Billings." Most of her children were married in civil ceremonies in Alburg, Vermont, where the names of the parents were not recorded. Per local historians there is no record of death or burial for her or her husband in Franklin County, New York; a search of historic NY newspapers from the period reveals no obituary; and no gravestone has ever been found, despite thorough transcriptions of Franklin County, NY cemeteries dating as far back as the 1930s.

DNA EVIDENCE (Feb. 6, 2020)

Two key profiles (Stephan Sommer and Billy Don Otis, second cousins to each other) shared 31 cM and 29 cM respectively with my mother. These two had no evident ancestry in common with us aside from one couple: Stephen Otis and Hannah Aseltine of Swanton, Vermont. I was able to get triangulated matches between my mom, these two Otis-Aseltine relations, and three documented descendants of Enoch and Maria Billings (Anne Marie Harris, Brandy Rowley, Loretta Gregor) ranging from 24 to 53 cM in common with mom. Anne Marie Harris is from the Catholic branch and the other two are descendants of Isaac Billings, so the Protestant line is represented, indicating these Otis-Aseltine cousins aren't from "married into" families elsewhere on the tree; they are definitely related to Enoch and Maria. Generationally, the Otis-Aseltine DNA data matched up perfectly to the family tree data, indicating 4th to 6th cousins, with Maria's parents being 5th great grandparents to my mother.

Stephan Sommer's profile featured 90% post-1840 immigrants from Europe so confounding relations could easily be ruled out. This made his match with Billy Don Otis and the triangulated matches with so many descendants of Enoch and Maria Billings far more important than they would ordinarily be, greatly reducing the odds of error.

The next step was identifying the Otis-Aseltine couple and their relations to find Maria. Given the large cM match, she had to be a very close relative of one or the other. A look at their well-established genealogies led to a quick ruling out of any possible relation to Enoch Billings, as well as Maria being an Otis (Stephen Otis's sibling group was well-documented and left no room). Maria had to be an Aseltine. A look through Aseltine documentation showed they fit every clue I had about Maria--they were Dutch Americans from New York and migrated to Swanton, Vermont in the 1780s and 90s. Incredibly, the Aseltines owned a farm on Hog Island, the very same island Enoch Billings Sr. lived on (having bought lot 129 in Swanton from Silas Hathaway in September 1799, and run a ferry there from 1809).

Born in Claverack, New York were two sisters, Anna Oct. 7, 1784 and Maritje Aug. 15, 1787, along with a brother Isaac, Sep. 7, 1791. The names Anna, Annatje and Hannah are interchangeable in Dutch, and some women baptized as Anna or Annatje were called Hannah as adults; even their maternal grandmother back in New York was baptized Anetje but called Hannah in later records. Here is another great example: https://relativemusings.wordpress.com/2016/06/19/are-adam-and-maria-baker-hannahs-parents/

Interestingly, Hannah Otis named a daughter Maria and a son Isaac; Maria Billings named a daughter Hannah and a son Isaac as well. Hannah had a son named John B. Otis, and its tantalyzingly suggestive that the B stood for "Billings" but no evidence has been located. So in addition to unusually strong DNA evidence, there is strong circumstantial evidence that Maria Billings was born "Maritje Esselsteyn" in Claverack, New York on August 15, 1787 to Andries Esselsteyn and Elizabeth Stalker, who according to a letter by a grandnephew of Andries, migrated to Swanton after the Revolutionary War. Judging by phoenetic variants used by census takers, the name appears to have been pronounced "Oss-uhl-stein."

Mom has at least five matches to the Otis-Aseltine couple (Stephan Sommer, Billy Don Otis, Nancy Borden, buspete, PACecchini), and 14 additional matches to variants of the Aseltine name based out of New York and New England. Browsing matches showed my mother had an enormous number of cousins with Dutch and German ancestors, including names like Vosburgh, Van Deusen and Van Valkenberg that were based in Columbia County, New York. Given the rest of her tree is fully fleshed out back to Europe and there are no Dutch lines, this significant Dutch connection could only have come from Maria Billings.

DEATH (1870-1875)

Maria Billings was last recorded living Aug. 11, 1870 when she was enumerated in the US census of Westville, Franklin County, New York. Maria was 83, though her enumerated age was 86.

Given that none of the Billings's or their married daughters appear in the New York state census of 1875, even though most of Lewis's neighbors in Westville appear, this strongly suggests that the whole clan had left the state by the time the census was enumerated. Because Maria was very elderly, it seems unlikely she would have traveled to Kansas with them, so she likely died prior to 1875.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Two photographs of Maria exist, one that appears to be a calotype from the 1840s and another which may be an albumen print from around 1870. The originals are owned by an Evelyn Hayes Murphy of Beulah, Colorado, said to be age 92 as of December 2018. They came from the collection of Lewis Billings (1825-1905), which includes photos of Lewis, his wife and their daughter, Alice Hayes. Both

show her to dress like a relatively wealthy city person with fringes, fancy collars and elaborate hairstyling, rather than a typical farmer's wife who might wear a simple, frumpy dress and a bonnet. This suggests the Billings family may have been relatively successful farmers.

The earlier photograph shows Maria in late middle age, in attire typical of the 1840s and early 1850s. It may have been taken by Thomas Coffin Doane, a painter and portrait photographer based in Montréal, who was advertising "Talbotypes" (casual term for Calotypes) as early as 1848. https://www.pressreader.com/canada/montreal-gazette/20080928/281878704186588

Some genealogists who are knowledgeable about Victorian women's fashion estimated the later portrait as "1860s" and "late 1860s to early 1870s" citing her "cap, lace collar, broach, shoulder line and waist belt" and "her trim placement, narrower sleeves and particularly the broad, flat pleats of her skirt" respectively. Another said, "this photo screams 1860's...have 3 books showing dates dresses, hates and hair styles...1860's the bonnet was worn further back on the head with slight adornment...hair was parted in the middle. The white collar/neckerchief was very prominent in the 1860's, the dress is correct for the 1860's with low shoulders. If she was standing and you could see the skirt, it may be what is called a Garibaldi skirt which is quite full. It may be that the photo was taken in 1870's but the style is of the 1860's."

Maria married Enoch Billings Jr., son of Enoch Billings and Nancy Ware, about 1805 in Swanton, Vermont.

Children from this marriage were:

i. John Billings was born in 1806 in Swanton, Vermont, died on April 27, 1867 in Granby, Québec, Canada, and was buried on April 29, 1867 in St. George Cemetery, Granby, Québec, Canada.

ii. Timothy Billings was born on September 9, 1809 in Swanton, Vermont, died on August 14, 1879 in Liberty, Kansas, and was buried in Liberty Cemetery, Liberty, KS.

iii. Isaac Billings was born in 1810 in Swanton, Vermont and died after November 27, 1890 of Seymour, Wisconsin.

iv. Maria Billings was born in April 1813 in Swanton, Vermont, died on March 9, 1899 in Hiawatha, Kansas, and was buried on March 12, 1899 in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Leona, KS.

v. Abraham Billings was born on April 20, 1815 in Swanton, Vermont, was christened on March 12, 1858 in St-Armand West, Canada East, died on July

15, 1902 in Bayonne, New Jersey, and was buried on July 17, 1902 in New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, NJ. The cause of his death was chronic endocarditis.

vi. Hannah Billings was born about 1820 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada and died about 1843 of Henryville, Canada East.

vii. Heman Allen Billings was born on June 5, 1823 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on September 26, 1881 in Fremont Township, Iowa, and was buried in Barnes Cemetery, Fremont, Iowa. The cause of his death was war-related injury.

viii. Lewis Billings was born in June 1825 in Sabrevois, Lower Canada, died on April 19, 1905 in Pueblo, Colorado, and was buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Pueblo, CO.

Second Generation (Parents)

2. **Andrew Asselstyne**, son of Isaak Esselsteyn and Elisabeth Keller, was born in 1763 in Churchtown, New York and died after November 20, 1823 of Swanton, Vermont.

General Notes: "The ASSELTYNES came to Vermont from New York, where they lived in the vicinity of Claverack which is situated near the Hudson river. There were six of this one family, namely: Petrus, Conradt, Johannes, Andries, Abraham, and one sister Olive. This information comes to us from a letter written many years ago by a grandson of Conrad's, which is still in the Aseltine family.

"Peter and John settled near Swanton and Highgate, supposing they were in the United States but when the international boundary was established they (Peter and John) discovered that the new boundary placed them in Lower Canada. (Peter and John were Loyalists, so this may have been intentional.) Abraham and Olive settled in Highgate and Conrad and Andries settled in Swanton. Abraham, Conrad, and Andries were enlisted in the 8th Regiment, Albany Co. They did not come to Vermont until after the Revolutionary War."

"[Conrad Aseltine] settled... on the place where Truman E. Mead now resides, on the road leading across from the river to Maquam Bay [now Lake Street]... Bordering on Maquam Bay is a farm that has always belonged to an Aseltine...this farm as well as others then belonging to Aseltines, was a part of the island... known to many early settlers as "Hog Island"... From early eighteen hundred until eighteen thirty or forty many Aseltines lived on this island."

https://archive.org/stream/coenradtesselsty00john/coenradtesselsty00john_djvu.txt

Letter of Enos Azeltine, January 1900:

“Dear Cousin: Yours received and I will try and pencil a few lines in answer to your queries. The Aseltines came from Claverack in N. Y. down by the Hudson river; five sons and one daughter. Their names were Peter, John, Andrew, Abram and Conrad, the name of the daughter was Olive. Peter and John went to Canada, Abram and Olive settled in Highgate and Andrew and Conrad settled in Swanton.”

Conrad Aseltine arrived in Swanton in 1788, and was one of the first settlers of the town west of the falls. Three of his sons came with him. He returned to Claverack the same year with two of his sons, leaving one in Swanton, and in 1789 settled in Swanton with his family, coming from Whitehall, New York to Masquam Bay on the ice. He located on the Barney Farm on the river, and in 1790 was first selectman of Swanton.

From the book: *New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial: A Record of the ..., Volume 2.*

“Further search has revealed that Peter and John were Loyalists and in removing from New York they settled in Canada, while Conrad, Abraham and Andrew were colonists and all three had service in the Revolutionary war. Peter, a soldier of rank in the British army was, at one time, stationed in Vermont and one son was born there. The Loyalists in Canada and the brothers in Vermont, apparently lived close enough so that frequent visits were made among relatives.”

https://archive.org/stream/coenradtesselsty00john/coenradtesselsty00john_djvu.txt

“Andreas Esselstyne” son of Isaac Esselsteyn and Elizabeth Kelder, was christened Nov. 3, 1763 at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Churchtown, Columbia County, New York. No date of birth given.

Andries Esselstyne was listed with several other relatives as an enlisted man in the 8th New York Regiment (mustered in Albany County) during the Revolutionary War. According to his National Archives record, Andries served in Van Rensselaer’s Regiment, Capt. Michael Horton’s Class, and appears on a muster list for Maj. Richard Esselstyne. No specifics of his service survive, but since his cousin Jacob Esselstyne of Claverack enlisted in June 1777 under Maj. Richard Esselstyne and served through 1781 it is likely Andries did the same.

Esselstine, Gabriel; Esselstyne, Abraham; Esselstyne, Andries; Esselstyne, Coenradt; Esselstyne, Isaac; Esselstyne, Jacob; Esselstyne, Jacob, Jr.; Esselstyne, Richard.

http://www.americanwars.org/ny-american-revolution/albany-county-militia-eighth-regiment.htm

Andries Esselstyne and Elizabeth Stalker's marriage occured on April 1, 1783 at the Reformed Lutheran Church of Claverack, New York. Their children recorded in Claverack: Anna, born Oct. 7, 1784, christened Jan. 9, 1785; Marytje, born Aug. 15, christened Nov. 11, 1787; and Isaac, born Sep. 7, christened Nov. 13, 1791. There is no evidence any other children were born to this couple, suggesting Elizabeth may have died young.

Sep. 10, 1799: Silas Hathaway of St. Albans leased to Andrew Asselstine of Swanton lot #26 in Swanton, being 100 acres. Paid up in Feb. 1805. (Enoch Billings Sr. leased his land in Swanton from Hathaway the same day). Andrew leased Lot 26 to Samuel W. Keyes on May 22, 1817.

June 4, 1801: Andrew and Peter Asselstine witness sale of land, house and barn from Brother Decker to Conrad Asselstine in Swanton.

Andrew Asselstine appears in nearly every Grand List of Swanton from 1800 through 1823. He owned a small farm with taxable acreage usually between 5 and 12 acres, along with some livestock. At one point he only had a single taxable cow. His property value ranged from just $26 to more than $80. Other relatives appearing in the grand lists are Conradt, Isaac, John, Henry, Andrew 2nd, and Peter Asselstyne. Conradt is his brother; Peter, John, Andrew 2nd and Isaac, his nephews.

October 1, 1803: Silas Hathaway sells to Andrew Asselstine of Swanton, Vt. lot #26 in Swanton, 100 acres.

March 4, 1816: At Swanton town meeting, "Andrew Asselstyne" was appointed a surveyor of highways.

March 1819: At the town meeting, Andrew Asseltyne 2nd was appointed a road surveyor, along with Stephen Otis and others.

March 18, 1822: Andrew Asseltine among a list of men from Hog Island that attested to the town clerk that a school had been kept during the year 1821 nine months out of the year.

Feb. 27, 1823: "Andrew Asseltyne" named in "a list of scholars" (students, "children between age 4 and 18 by the testimony of their parents") at school on Hog Island. Peter Asseltyne named in a different list, same year. Stephen Otis named as well. Andrew has the number 6 near his name, Stephen Otis has 5, indicating the number of students in their households.

1823 (Final) Swanton Grand List (r. Nov. 20, 1823): Andrew Asselstyne... 1 cow. As in every Grand List since at least 1808, he appears with "Andrew Asselstyne 2nd" (1785-1832).

Mar. 20, 1824: Stephen Otis and Andrew Asselstine named in list of parents who had kids in school 4-18 years old in Swanton. Both had 6. Peter Asselstine also in this list. This could be the senior Andrew,as he doesn't have "2nd" after his name, but it could be the younger as well.

Someone claimed an Andrew Aseltine died in Vermont Oct. 3, 1834, with no source. No death record or inference appears in Swanton town books in 1834-1838. The younger Andrew was deceased before January 1832.

Given that most of his family contemporaries are buried there, he is likely buried in Janes Cemetery in Swanton.

Andrew married Elizabeth Stalker on April 1, 1783 in Claverack, New York.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Hannah Aseltine was born on October 7, 1784 in Claverack, New York and died in 1868 in Brasher, New York.

1 ii. Maria Aseltine was born on August 15, 1787 in Claverack, New York and died after August 11, 1870 in Westville, New York.

iii. Isaac Aseltine was born on September 7, 1791 in Claverack, New York and died before 1820.

3. **Elizabeth Stalker**, daughter of Ambrose Stalker and Hannah Turner, was born about 1762 in Albany County, New York and died after November 13, 1791 of Claverack, New York.

Elizabeth married Andrew Asselstyne on April 1, 1783 in Claverack, New York. In parish records her name was sometimes spelled "Stalcker."

Third Generation (Grandparents)

4. **Isaak Esselsteyn**, son of Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn and Catalyntje Van Deusen, was born about 1713,in New York and died after 1765 of Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

General Notes: Children of Anna Keller and Isaac Esselstein are:
15....i.....Petrus4 Esselstein, b. September 23, 1741, Athens, New York; d. May 15, 1826, Ernestown Twp L&A Co Ontario.
16....ii....Conrad Esselstein, b. August 26, 1743, Tarbush, Columbia Co New York; d. Aft. 1810.
17....iii....Altje Esselstein, b. July 17, 1745, Tarbush, Columbia Co New York.
18....iv....Hannes Esselstein, b. Bef. January 31, 1747/48, Germantown, New York.
.....v....Marytje Esselstein, b. Bef. May 27, 1750.

19....vi....Abraham Esselstein, b. Bef. June 28, 1752, Livingston, New York.
.....vii...Jannitje Esselstein, b. Bef. October 25, 1755.
.....viii..Agnitge Esselstein, b. September 22, 1760.
20....ix...Andreas Esselstein, b. November 03, 1763.

http://web.archive.org/web/20071005194332/http://home.primus.ca/~jgkeller/ChristianKeller1-4.html#5

In 1765 he was recorded as an innkeeper in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. He either quit the venture or died shortly thereafter, because by March 1767 his children were back in Columbia County, New York.

Isaak married Elisabeth Keller about 1740.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Peter Esselsteyn was born on September 25, 1741 in Athens, New York and died on May 15, 1826 in Ernstown, Upper Canada.

ii. Conrad Esselstyne was born on August 25, 1743 in Athens, New York and died after August 7, 1813 in Swanton, Vermont.

iii. Olive Esselsteyn was born on July 17, 1745 in Athens, New York and died after 1787 in Swanton, Vermont.

iv. Johannes Esselsteyn was born on January 31, 1747 in Germantown, New York and died in 1822 in Ernstown, Upper Canada.

v. Marytje Esselsteyn was born before May 27, 1750.

vi. Abraham Esselsteyn was born before June 28, 1752 in Livingston, New York and died after 1800 in Highgate, Vermont.

vii. Jannittje Esselsteyn was born before October 25, 1755.

viii. Agnitge Esselsteyn was born on October 22, 1760 in Churchtown, New York.

2 ix. Andrew Asselstyne was christened November 3, 1763.

5. **Elisabeth Keller**, daughter of Conrad Keller and Maria Barbara Proper, was born on April 15, 1722 in Taar Boss, New York and died after November 3, 1763 of Churchtown, New York.

General Notes: Anna Elizabeth3 Keller (Conrad2, Christian1) was born April 15, 1722 in Tarbush, Columbia Co New York. She married Isaac Esselstein, son of Jacobus Esselstein and Cathalynta Vandusen.

http://web.archive.org/web/20071005194332/http://home.primus.ca/~jgkeller/ChristianKeller1-4.html#20

Among the baptisma in the register of the old Dutch Lutheran church in New York is the following:

"4-30-1722 at Gospelhoeck b. 4-15 in the Taarboss, Anna Elizabeth, child of Conrad Keller and wife Maria Barbara. Witnesses, myself (Rev. Faulker), Jan Hardick and my wife Gerritge Falckner."

Elisabeth married Isaak Esselsteyn about 1740.

6. **Ambrose Stalker**, son of Joseph Stalker and Mary Hall, was born about 1725 in Mendon, Massachusetts and died after 1790 of Claverack, New York.

No record of his birth exists, but he is likely to be the son of Joseph Stalker/Stocker and Mary Hall. They are the only Stalkers in Mendon, Massachusetts, where Ambrose was recorded having had a child with Lois Bruce Jones (b. Oct. 16, 1719 in Framingham, MA) named Benoni Stalker, Aug. 6, 1753.

In the 1740s, Ambrose's family relocated to Redding, Connecticut, and by the 1750s ended up in Hudson, New York. Ambrose evidently settled in Nobletown, New York, where he was employed as a farmer for the remainder of his life.

Ambrose's wife is called "Hannah Turner" (or possibly Torner) in the 1783 baptism of their son Abraham. Hanna was also named as mother of his son William in christening of September 1763.

Children of Ambrose Stalker and Hannah Turner (married 1753-55):

Joseph Stalker (Jan. 11, 1756 - Mar. 19, 1840) of Hudson, NY.
Johannes Stalker (Aug. 14, 1757 - Aug. 25, 1849) of Stanbridge, Lower Canada.
Peter Stalker (c.1759 - aft. 1840) of Swanton, VT.
Elizabeth Stalker (c.1761 - aft. 1791) of Swanton, VT.
William Stalker (chr. Sep. 22, 1763) of Churchtown, NY.
Sarah Stalker (b. 1765) of Claverack, NY.
Anna Stalker (b. c.1767) of Ghent, NY.
Gilbert Stalker (1770s - bef. 1840) of Claverack, NY.
Isaac Stalker (b. Nov. 9, 1775) of Churchtown, NY.
James Stalker (b. 1770s) of Gallatin, NY.
Michael Stalker (chr. Feb. 1, 1781) of Hillsdale/Columbia County, NY.
Abraham Stalker (Oct. 9, 1783 - May 8, 1856) of Kinderhook, NY.

Full list of descendants, compiled by Susan J. Mulvey:
http://www.usgennet.org/usa/ny/county/columbia/families/stalker_ambrose.htm

“Embrise Stalker” appears in a tax list of Claverack District, NY, dated Feb. 1, 1766. Encompasses present-day Hillsdale, Hudson and part of Ghent, so he was likely still living in Nobletown.

He was called “of Noble Town, New York” in a deposition of July 1766. This is part of modern-day Hillsdale, near the Massachusetts border. Ambrose was booted out of his own house by British soldiers as part of the ongoing border wars between New York and Massachussetts and his wife had to ask permission to get her belongings out before the soldiers tore it down.

See: https://www.colonialsociety.org/node/2410

NOTE: In various New York records Ambrose is called “Embrow” or “Empris.” You can tell its him because “Empris” appears in a baptism record in 1781 with his wife “Hanna.”

“Embrew,” John and Joseph Stalker appear in the 8th NY Regiment muster rolls as enlisted men (Rev. War) in 1776-1779 (Ancestry.com)

Dec. 25, 1780: John Stalker, laborer, of Claverack District and Ambrose Stalker, farmer, of same, each posted bail of 100 pounds and permitted to return home on account of good behavior, though they must report to commissioners during continuance of war with Great Britain. (Minutes of Commissioners for Conspiracies, pg. 605)

Ambrose Stalker appears in the 1790 census of Claverack, NY.

Ambrose married Hannah Turner about 1755.

Children from this marriage were (incomplete list):

i. Peter Stalker was born about 1759 in Albany County, New York and died after 1840 in Swanton, Vermont.

3 ii. Elizabeth Stalker

iii. Isaac Stalker was born in 1775 in Churchtown, New York and was christened on November 9, 1775 in St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Churchtown, New York.

iv. Abraham Stalker was born on October 9, 1783 in Churchtown, New York and was christened on June 22, 1784 in St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Churchtown, New York.

7. **Hannah Turner**, daughter of Helmer Johannes Turner and Anneke Oosterhout, was born in October 1728 in Catskill, New York, was christened on

November 20, 1728 in Zion Luthern Church, Athens, New York, and died after February 22, 1789 of Churchtown, New York.

The wife of Ambrose Stalker is usually called “Hanna” in early records (1763 christening of William Stalker) and “Hanna Torner/Turner” in later records (1784 christening of Abraham Stalker). In sponsorship of David Morris, Feb. 22, 1789 Churchtown, NY, Hannah Turner is called “Anje Turner.” Her husband co-sponsored.

One clue to her identity is Rebecca Turner, who married Michael Stoppelbeen in 1780 and sponsored the baptism of Michael Stalker in 1781. There is also a Gilbert Turner who appears with her in baptism records of Churchtown, New York in the 1760s, for whom her son Gilbert seems to be named.

This Gilbert Turner is likely to be the man born “Gysbert Torner” in May 1742 in Linlithgo, Columbia County, NY, to Helm and Anneke Torner. Helmer Johannes and Anneke had a daughter that was baptized “Anetje Torner” Nov. 20, 1728. She was baptized at “six weeks old” according to the record at Zion Lutheran Church in Athens, New York; reportedly her parents lived in nearby Catskill, and her sponsors were Jacobus Turner and Mary Osterhout. It was also noted she was “baptized at Sam Van Vechten's house.”

Looking at church, census and tax records in 18th century New York, there is no evidence of a Gysbert/Gilbert Turner other than the son of Helmer Johannes. The only exception is Helmer's brother Geisbert, who was reported “sick” in a baptism in Athens in 1743 and seems to vanish from history thereafter, suggesting he didn't live long. Given the connection to Gilbert Turner and Helmer Johannes Turner of Claverack District, it is very likely that “Anetje Torner” (Anetje being a Dutch diminutive of Anna or Hanna), is the wife of Ambrose Stalker.

There is one problem. As Susan Mulvey pointed out, it seems unlikely the Hannah Turner Stalker who last gave birth in 1783 could be the same woman born in 1728, since she would have been 54 at the birth of her last child. It remains possible that she is an undocumented child of one of Helmer Johannes Turner's brothers. A genealogical analysis of her family however, shows this is unlikely to be the case.

Church, tax and census records of Columbia county show the Turners can all be traced back to two male progenitors: William, who first appear in Claverack tax records in 1767 (as the only Turner) and Geisbert/Gilbert, who had a child's baptism recorded in Claverack in 1765. This is consistent with the two known sons of Helmer Johannes, William, born 1736 and Geisbert, born 1742. Hanna/Antje Turner is the only other known Turner of this generation appearing in church records of Columbia County, another perfect fit with the three known children of Helmer Johannes. While it’s true that Helmer's brother Geisbert (1711-1743) did have a son named William in 1742, he and Gilbert seem a bit too young to have fathered so many Turner men who were known to be adults by

1780 (Gilbert, Samuel, Wilhelmas, Jacobus, Conrad, etc.), making William, the son of Helmer Johannes (b.1736) a better fit for the William of Claverack.

Since the Turners of Claverack, Livingston and Hillsdale all show strong geographic and familial relationships to each other and to Helmer Johannes, it stands to reason that Hannah Turner was part of this family group. There seems to be no evidence that any of Helmer's brothers ever set foot in Columbia County, and to date only Helmer is known to have been recorded there. Therefore, there seems to be no evidence that Hannah Turner was a daughter of anyone but Helmer Johannes Turner. The best explanation for the births of her sons Michael and Abraham Stalker after their mother turned fifty appears to be an unusually late menopause, something not unheard of throughout history.

Hannah married Ambrose Stalker about 1755.

Fourth Generation (Great-Grandparents)

8. **Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn**, son of Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn and Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt, was born about 1675 in Claverack, New York and died before May 16, 1718 in Claverack, New York.

General Notes: His widow remarried to Lambert Cool in Albany, NY May 16, 1718.

Kingston, NY baptisms:

1700 Aug 11; Jacob Ysselsteen, Cathalyntje van Deusen; Marten; Hendrick Bogard, Jannetje Bogard

Jacobus married Catalyntje Van Deusen on December 5, 1699 in Kingston, New York.

The child from this marriage was:

4 i. Isaak Esselsteyn

9. **Catalyntje Van Deusen**, daughter of Teuwis Abrahamsen Van Deusen and Helena Robberts, was born in 1677 in Claverack, New York and died after March 8, 1730 in New York.

General Notes:

Children by first husband:

Marten Van Yselsteyn, bp at Kingston 11 Aug 1700 (sponsors Hendrick Bogard, Jannetje Bogard)

Helena Van Yselsteyn, bp 28 Mar 1703 (sponsors Sampson Bensen, Neltje Van Deurse.

Bata Van Yselsteyn, bp 26 Dec 1705 (sponsors Evert Pels, Jacob Van Deurse, Elizabeth Bensen)

Matheus Van Yselsteyn, bp 16 Oct 1715 (sponsors: Matheus Bensin, Catharine Provoost, his wife.

Marytje Van Yselsteyn, bp 2 Jul 1718 (sponsors Harmanus Bensin, Aaltje Bensin)

Children by second husband:

Anna Kool, bp 9 Aug 1719 (sponsors Cornelis and Hendrikjen Kool); d. young

Anna Kool, bp 30 Oct 1720 (sponsors Cornelis and Geertjen Kool)

Cornelis Kool, 9 Sep 1722 (sponsors Cornelis Kool Janneke Brink); m 2 Oct 1751 Maria Schoonmaker

Janneken Kool, bp 6 Sep 1724 (sponsors Jacob Rutsz, Sen., Jannejen Brink)

Theunis Kool, bp 11 Jun 1727 (sponsors Johannes Herdenberg, Catrina Rutsz);m 19 Mar 1758 Jennetje Delamater

Abraham Kool, bp 8 Mar 1730 (sponsors Gerardus Herdenberg, Janneken Elvendorff, Phiip van Vegten, Engeltjen Van Deusen)

Catalyntje married Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn on December 5, 1699 in Kingston, New York.

10. **Conrad Keller**, son of Christian Keller and Anna Margaretha, was born about 1695 in Rhine Valley, German States and died after 1742 of Livingston, New York.

General Notes: 2. Conrad2 Keller (Christian1) was born Abt. 1695 in Rhine Valley, Europe, and died in Livingston, Columbia Co New York. He married Maria Barbara Proper Abt. 1720, daughter of Johann Proppert and Anna (Proper).

Children of Conrad Keller and Maria Proper are:
5.....i....Anna Elizabeth3 Keller, b. April 15, 1722, Tarbush, Columbia Co New York.
6.....ii....Christian Keller, b. Bef. August 11, 1726, New York, USA; d. September 12, 1790, Fredericksburgh Twp L&A Co Ontario.
7.....iii....Johannes Jost Keller, b. Abt. 1728, Athens, Greene Co New York; d. Abt. 1796, Livingston, Columbia Co New York.

8.....iv....Maria Keller, b. March 27, 1729, Athens, Greene Co New York; d. August 12, 1789, Fredericksburgh Twp L&A Co Ontario.
9.....v....Annatje Keller, b. Abt. 1730, Athens, Greene Co New York.
10....vi....Catherina Keller, b. Abt. 1731, Athens, Greene Co New York.
11....vii....Christina Keller, b. Abt. 1734, Athens, Greene Co New York.
12....viii....Hendrick Keller, b. Abt. 1737, Athens, Greene Co New York.
.....ix....Agnes Flora Keller, b. July 04, 1739, Athens, Greene Co New York.
.....x....Jacob Keller, b. August 10, 1742, Tarbush, Columbia Co New York.

http://web.archive.org/web/20071005194332/http://home.primus.ca/~jgkeller/ChristianKeller1-4.html#20

Conrad married Maria Barbara Proper.

The child from this marriage was:

5 i. Elisabeth Keller

11. **Maria Barbara Proper**, daughter of Johann Proper and Anna Elizabetha, was born about 1700 in German States and died after 1742 of Taar Boss, New York.

Maria married Conrad Keller.

12. **Joseph Stalker**, son of Joseph Stocker and Ann Sheffield, was born on September 18, 1681 in Boston, Massachusetts and died after June 1762 of Hudson, New York.

General Notes: Given the scarcity of the name in early 18th century Massachusetts, it is unavoidable to associate Joseph Stalker of Mendon, Mass. with “Joseph Stocker” and the Stocker family of Boston. “Joseph Stocker” and ---- Hall (first name lost) were married in 1713 (date lost) in Marlborough, Massachusetts (Marlborough town records). This fits with Joseph and Mary Stalker of Mendon, as their first child was born April 3, 1714 (by the modern calendar). Marlborough is just 20 miles due north of Mendon. We know from the Stocker/Stalker family of Ipswich that the names are phonetically interchangeable; for example, the man born “Robert Stocker” in 1737 and married under the same name in 1761 was buried as “Robert Stalker” in 1823.

This Joseph Stocker/Stalker is sometimes confused with another Joseph Stocker who married Mary Hunt in Boston Dec. 20, 1732; the husband of Mary Hunt was a mariner and privateer who fought in the War of Jenkins' Ear. He was captain of a ship called *Resolution* and invaded the island of La Palma in December 1740 and lost a battle to a bunch of local farmers, but was awarded a patent in Corsica the following year. He is unlikely to be the man who was born in Boston in 1681--he would have been nearly sixty when this battle was fought, and more than fifty

at his first recorded marriage. See some historical material on Capt. Stocker at https://www.redalyc.org/pdf/2744/274430195016.pdf

In Worcester County Deeds, Vol. 7, pg. 83, Joseph Stalker of Mendon filed a quitclaim with his wife Mary on May 4, 1728, affirmed under oath May 5, 1735, naming "our father Robert Hall." This strongly suggests the above "Joseph Stocker" who married a Hall woman in Marlborough is the same as "Joseph Stalker" of Mendon. Given this Hall connection, it stands to reason that Joseph Stalker was born "Joseph Stocker" in Boston in 1681. As an interesting aside, Stalker noted in 1728 that he was a weaver by occupation.

Joseph and Mary Hall Stalker had the following children, all (except the last) born in Mendon, Worcester Co., Massachusetts:

1. Damerus b. 23 March 1713 d 10 Oct 1714
2. Hannah b. 25 Nov 1717 (married Daniel White 16 Nov 1741; d. aft. 1748)
3. Robert b. 31 May 1719
4. John b. 13 Mar 1720 (of Fairfield, CT)
5. Epsibath b. 25 May 1723 (Hephsibah)
6. Ambrose b. 1725 (birth unrecorded; he had a childbirth in Mendon in 1753)
7. Mary b. 20 March 1728
8. Zebulon b. 21 Feb 1729
9. Patience b. 18 Sept 1731
10. Sarah (Stolker) b. 19 April 1736 in Upton, Worcester Co., Mass.

Feb. 26, 1716: Mary Stocker and child were "warned out" of Marlborough 26 Feb 1716; "A Warning to Mary Stocker the wife of Joseph Stocker to depart from this town." [Note: the index card at the Mass. Archives states Mary Stocker and child.] (from Susan Mulvey)

Oct. 4, 1717: Joseph Stalker of Mendon first appears when Timothy Winter gives him "in Consideration of Love good will and affection which I have and do bear towards my Beloved friend Joseph Stalker" 2 acres of land on 4 Oct 1717. (from Susan Mulvey)

April 1718: Joseph Stalker first appears in the deeds of Suffolk County, when he bought property in Mendon.

Jan. 26, 1731: Laid out for Joseph Stalker, 4 acres of William Rutter's ninth division of land laid out joining his other land on the west side of Misco Hill and is bounded north part on common and part on the land of Samuel Warfield and easterly on the land of Thomas Read. (The Proprietors' Records of the Town of Mendon, Mass.)

Oct. 17, 1734: The Boston News-Letter publishes an advertisement by papermaker, bookmaker and rag mercant of London, entreating people of Boston

to send their used linen rags to "Joseph Stocker in Spring Lane, Boston" for quick cash."

Nov. 14, 1737: Joseph Stalker was still living in Mendon when he sold ten acres to Nathan Tyler. (Worcester County, MA Deeds, recorded in 1753, book 33 pg. 506).

1744-1750: Probably this same Joseph Stalker was later on the tax list in 1746 in Ridgefield, Connecticut (for 27L); and on 4 Apr 1750, Joseph Stalker, formerly of Ridgefield, sold land in Reading, Connecticut, that he purchased 10 Jan 1744/5 from Nath. Hibbard and wife.

His son, John Stalker, born 1720 in Mendon, MA, is almost certainly the father of the Fairfield, Connecticut Stalkers, having married Mary Morehouse in Fairfield July 10, 1746. According to the Revolutionary War pension application of his son, Peter (1754-aft.1840), Peter claimed he was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, and filed his application while a resident of Claverack, New York. The Ambrose Stalker family (another son of Joseph of Mendon), was also living in Claverack at the time.

Joseph himself appears to have made it to New York; there is a Joseph Stalker who appears in Crown Point, New York Freemason records as of March 5, 1762, and tax assessments until that year.

IN THE ENTIRETY OF MA VITAL RECORDS TO 1850: The only Stalker families before 1750 are in Lynn (Stocker), Mendon and Ipswich. http://ma-vitalrecords.org/VRSI_S09.shtml

There are no Stalkers or variants in "New England Marriages Prior to 1700" which is comprehensive.

Pennsylvania Quaker Stalkers not a good lead: IV. Rebecca Parke, b. 11 Mo. 27, 1698, at Ballintrain; m. Hugh Stalker. Came over on the Sizargh with Thomas Parke.

Early Connecticut Marriages has only one Stalker: Comfort Stalker in Norfolk, CT 1781.

There are some wills for Thomas and Martha Stalker in MD in the 1740s.

There are no early colonial roots for the name "Stalker" and the name appears to be extremely rare both in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

ALL STOCKER/STALKER FAMILIES

Notes: A Joseph Stalker Stalker & Anne, had children b. at Boston between 1639 and 1699 [NOTE THIS IS THE "STOCKER" FAMILY]; there were Stalker families

in Mendon, Worcester Co., MA., where Joseph, son of Joseph & Mary, was b. 30 May 1724; and there were Stalkers in Lynn, MA, and in Lyme, CT.

BOSTON, MA: Joseph Stocker and Mary Hunt were married in Boston Dec. 20, 1732. Suggested birth around 1705-1712. He may be the son of John Stalker of Boston (1682-1731), or of Sheffield Stocker who was born in 1685 in Boston.

BOSTON: There is a John Stalker who died in Boston Mar. 23, 1730/1, age 48 years (born 1682) and is the perfect age to be a brother of Joseph Stalker. https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/117116192/john-stalker

IPSWICH, MA: There were a small community of Stalkers in Ipswich, near Boston in the 19th century. Oldest to die seems to be Robert Stalker (1737-1823). The only Stalker Rev. War records in the whole state of Massachusetts belong to this Robert Stalker. Evidently Robert Stalker was born "Robert Stocker" in Ipswich Oct. 30, 1737, son of Robert (decd) and Sarah Stocker. "Mary Stocker" dau. of Robert and Mary was baptized in 1731, so this family was there way back and could not be fathered by the same Robert Stalker of Mendon (b.1719). Robert Stocker Sr. married Mary Ayers Dec. 19, 1730. Robert Jr. married Eunice Wait in Nov. 1761.
MANCHESTER, MA: Elizabeth Stocker m. James Pittman Apr. 27, 1704

NEWBURY, MA: John Stocker Jr. and Anne Stevens m. Oct. 29, 1743

LYNN, MA: Has a HUGE Stocker family that dates to 1675, father seems to be Ebenezer Stocker. No Joseph.

FAIRFIELD, CT: This clan seems to have been fathered by John Stalker (c.1720-?, son of Joseph of Mendon, MA) who married Mary Moorehouse July 10, 1746. John and Mary had Daniel (1746), Thaddeus (1747), John (1749), Seth (1751), and Peter (1754) all born in Fairfield, Ct. These are the ONLY Stalker births in Connecticut in the Barbour Collection (via Familysearch). Barbour has no Stolkers and only two Stockers (Edward and Experience, who married in 1724 and 1718 respectively, both in Guilford, CT). Seth went to NYC; Peter went to Dutchess Co., NY. https://wc.rootsweb.com/trees/100632/I300/-/individual

There are a large number of Stalker records for Rev. War service but they are all just two men-- Peter Stalker and Eli Stalker. This Peter Stalker was "born in Fairfield, CT" according to pension application, son of Joseph Stalker who married Mary Moorehouse in 1746. Some sons of John of Fairfield went to Dutchess County, NY; a Comfort Stalker is found in Dutchess Co. in 1775, but he got married in Norfolk, Litchfield Co., CT in 1781.

Peter Stalker of Fairfield (b.1754) ended up in Claverack, NY. He declared in his Revolutionary War pension application that he was living in Claverack and had no record of his age as it was left with his parents in Connecticut. Said he was 66 in 1820; 79 in 1834. Also, his size rolls note he was born in Fairfield, CT. This

suggests a familial bond between Joseph Stalker of MA and John Stalker of CT. Is John Stalker of Fairfield same as John, son of Joseph b. Mar. 13, 1720? That would mean Joseph Stalker of Ridgefield is actually Joseph of Mendon!

A book called "Ordinary People Who Accomplished the Extraordinary" claims John Stalker was born in Fairfield c.1720, son of Joseph Stalker and Mary Hall, both b. 1698. Pure speculation.

RIDGEFIELD, CT: A Joseph Stalker was on the tax list in 1746 in Ridgefield, CT (for 27L); and on 4 Apr 1750, Joseph Stalker, formerly of Ridgefield, sold land in Reading, CT, that he purchased 10 Jan 1744/5 from Nath. Hibbard and wife. Same Joseph who later ended up in Essex County, New York?

NEW YORK: There is another Stalker family here (Alexander, John, Malcolm, etc.) who were Presbyterians associated with New Scotland, NY. https://wc.rootsweb.com/trees/100632/I300/-/individual

HUDSON, NY: a Joseph Stocker of Hudson d. 19 March 1840 age 84y (this is the son of Ambrose); and a Henry of Hudson d. 18 December 1842 age 33y. Dutchess Co. tax lists show a Joseph Stocker in the Southern Precinct, Feb 1758-Jun 1762; in Rombout Precinct, a Stocker on John Gew's farm, 1768, a Stocker on John Wood's place, 1769-70, a Stocker 1771 & 72, and Stephen Stolker, 1773,75, and 77. Hudson is just four miles from Claverack, NY.

CROWN POINT, NY: Joseph Stalker freemason in Crown Point, NY, March 5, 1762. There is mentioned a John Nixon, "commander of the Massachusetts troops at Crown Point":

https://books.google.com/books?idMzbtJ_1upOIC&pgPA91&lpgPA91&dq%22joseph+stalker%22+massachusetts&sourcebl&otslcjYbU3xuh&sigACfU3U1JaWwP9L3DZasLa0bp1hAzc0MsfA&hlen&saX&ved2ahUKEwivnvqwjc_nAhUAknIEHcE4BuwQ6AEwBX0ECA0QAQ#vonepage&q%22joseph%20stalker%22%20massachusetts&ffalse

RHODE ISLAND: Has no Stalkers until the late 19th century. No Stockers or Stolkers until this late period.

MISC

No Stalkers/Stockers appear in the Suffolk Co. Court of Common Please 1701-1735
No Stalkers/Stockers appear in the Suffolk Co. Court of General Sessions of the Peace 1702-1732
No Stalkers/Stockers appear in the Suffolk Co. Probate Court Records bef.1761
No Stalkers/Stockers appear in the Middlesex Co. Deed Books (both indexes) 1643-1799

Joseph married Mary Hall in 1713 in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Damerus Stalker was born on March 23, 1713 in Mendon, Massachusetts and died on October 10, 1714 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

ii. Hannah Stalker was born on November 25, 1717 in Mendon, Massachusetts and died after 1741.

iii. Robert Stalker was born on May 31, 1719 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

iv. John Stalker was born on March 13, 1720 in Mendon, Massachusetts and died after 1754 of Fairfield, Connecticut.

v. Hepsibah Stalker was born on May 25, 1723 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

6 vi. Ambrose Stalker was born circa 1725.

vii. Mary Stalker was born on March 20, 1728 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

viii. Zebulon Stalker was born on February 21, 1729 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

ix. Patience Stalker was born on September 18, 1731 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

x. Sarah Stalker was born on April 19, 1736 in Upton, Massachusetts.

13. **Mary Hall**, daughter of Robert Hall and Unknown, was born about 1690 in Mendon, Massachusetts and died after April 19, 1736 of Upton, Massachusetts.

General Notes: Robert Hall appears in Mendon tax lists from 1685. It is likely his daughter Mary was born there. He may have been a recent immigrant, given his advanced age and lack of appearances in Massachusetts records before 1685. Mary Hall could not have been born before 1687 (given childbirth in 1736) and none of the Mary Halls, daughters of Robert who appear in British parish registers could be her; it is most likely she was born in Mendon, Massachusetts between 1688 and 1696, to parents who were born and had been married in England.

Joseph Stocker/Stalker married Mary Hall in Marlborough, Middlesex Co., Mass. in 1713. Her surname is proven by a quit claim deed where Joseph and Mary quit all claims to any real and personal property of "our father Mr. Robert Hall late of Mendon Deceased." (Worcester County Deeds, Vol. 7, pg. 83)

Robert Hall's obituary was in the *New England Weekly Journal* on 23 Oct 1727:

"We are informed that some days ago, died at Mendon, Mr. Robert Hall, who was last May, 106 years old. He was born at Hammersmith in Old England, and served as a soldier under Cromwell for very many years, was in the most if not all the Battles fought by that Warriour. He was visited with blindness for several years before his death. If you entered into conversation with him, his whole discourse assuredly turned upon the Civil Wars upon Expeditions, Campaigns, Fire, Smoke, and Slaughter, etc." (Thanks to Susan Mulvey for finding this gem.)

Mary married Joseph Stalker in 1713 in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

14. **Helmer Johannes Turner**, son of William Turner and Abigail Bogaert, was born in 1704 in Kinderhook, New York, was christened on January 7, 1705 in Reformed Dutch Church, Albany, New York, and died after October 15, 1750 of Livingston, New York.

General Notes: Baptism: Helmer Johannes, son of William Turner and Abigail Bogaert, baptized Jan. 7, 1705 at Reformed Dutch Church of Albany, NY. Sponsors Helmer Jansse, wife Anna. Part of a set of baptisms that were bracketed with words "at Kinderhook." Helmer Jansse is apparetly the stepson of Gysbert Bogaert who was living in Catskill as late as 1684, strongly suggesting Gysbert is Abigail's father.

Baptisms for Helm and Anneke Torner:

Gysbert Torner: May 21, 1727, Linlithgo, Columbia Co., NY (died young)
Antje Torner: Nov. 20, 1728, NYC (Antje is a Dutch diminuitive form of Anna or Hanna)
William Torner: Aug. 7, 1736, Churchtown, NY (sp. Jan & Annetje Oosterhout)
Gysbert Torner May 19, 1742, Linlithgo, NY (Gilbert Turner of Claverack)

"Helm Torner and Anneke Oosterhout" sponsored baptism of Anneke Van Deusen Oct. 15, 1750 at Livingston, NY. (Van Deusen Family Vol. 1)

Apparently, the Dutch often used maiden names when referring to women in these parish records, so Oosterhout is her birth name. Other examples in the Asseltine book.

Helme Jansen Turner was a sawyer and miller in Catskill and is mentioned in Henry Brace's articles Nos. 3, 10 and 17.

https://lists.rootsweb.com/hyperkitty/list/nygreene.rootsweb.com/thread/9198299/

Helmer married Anneke Oosterhout about 1726.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Gysbert Turner was born in 1727 in Linlithgo, New York and was christened on May 21, 1727 in Linlithgo, New York.

7 ii. Hannah Turner

iii. William Turner was born in 1736 in Claverack, New York and was christened on August 7, 1736 in Reformed Lutheran Church, Claverack, NY.

iv. Gysbert Turner was born in 1742 and christened May 19, 1742 in Linlithgo, New York. He died in 1813 in Dutchess County, New York.

15. **Anneke Oosterhout**, daughter of Gysbert Oosterhout and Marytje Bogaart, was born in 1706 in Kingston, New York, was christened on August 11, 1706 in Dutch Reformed Church, Kingston, New York, and died after October 15, 1750 of Livingston, New York.

General Notes: BIRTH?: 1706 Aug 11; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marytie Bogaart; Annetie; Jan Oosterhout, Antie Ploeg. Dutch Reformed Church, Kingston, NY. This couple died at Linlithgo, six miles from Catskill, New York.

In 1728 Helm and Anneke Torner lived in Catskill, NY. Sponsors of her child's birth were Jacobus Torner and Mary Osterhout (Churchtown NY)

First Osterhout at Churchtown is Theunis "Anthony" Osterhout w Evaatje Conyn sp. of Agnitje Conyn (Caspar + Hendricke Van Schaacke) Sep. 3, 1735, (St. Thomas Lutheran, Churchtown NY)

She may be sister to William Osterhout, who had a son named Hendryckus, born at "Newt" Sep. 30, 1747 baptized at Athens. She may be daughter to Jannetje Osterhout "grandmother and widow" who sponsored this baptism.

ANNEKE PARENTAGE:

Given that her first child was baptized at Linlithgo Church in 1727 and her likely parents (Gysbert and Marytje Oosterhout) died at Linlithgo in 1724, and Linlithgo is TINY and the name Oosterhout comes from Kingston (23 miles away), there is a very strong chance that "Annetje Oosterhout" is "Anneke Oosterhout."

Anneke married Helmer Johannes Turner about 1726.

Fifth Generation (2nd Great-Grandparents)

16. **Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn** was born about 1630 in Ysselsteyn, Utrecht, Netherlands and died before January 23, 1704 in Claverack, New York.

General Notes: Marten Cornelius, son of Cornelius Van Ysselsteyn, was a native of the little village or city of Ysselsteyn, Province of Utrecht, as we learn from his will. He was one of the 14 founders and original proprietors of Schenectady, N. Y., in 1661, most of whom had previously been residents of Rensselaerswyck. How long he had resided in New York prior to his removal to Schenectady and when he came to New Netherlands, are questions which cannot as yet be answered. * * *

The Great Flat was divided into twenty farms of different sizes, the allotments of some of the proprietors embracing two of these. The allotment of Van Ysselsteyn was of this nature, consisting of the two described on the old plat as Farms No. 8. Marten Cornelise Van Isselsteyn received a Patent for these farms 6-16-1664, confirmed by Governor Nicolls 4-13-1668 (Patenta 527). On 10-23-1668 he sold both farms to Claes Frederickse Van Petten and Cornelius Viele, comprising 22 acres. (Deed 11 741). In another place he says "10-23-1668 Van Petten and Cornelius Cornelise Viele bought the two bouweries numbered 8, together with the house, barn, 3 ricks, 4 horses, 5 cows, 8 hogs, wagon, plough and barrow, of Marten Cornelise Van Esselsteyn and mortgaged the same the same day to Van Ysselsteyn for 220 beavers. For this property Van Ysselsteyn received a cash payment of 110 beavers in addition to the mortgage here mentioned.

Marten Cornelise removed to Claverack in what is now Columbia County. He was a resident of that place in January 1677 when he made his will but it is not certain whether he removed there immediately after the sale of his Schenectady property. Several of his children were born in Claverack. In 1687 Matinus Cornelissen Van Esselsteyn was a sponsor at the baptism of one of his grandchildren, as we learn from the Register of the old Dutch Reformed Church at Kingston. The original homestead which he occupied in Claverack has been continuously held by male descendants bearing his surname to the present time, or for seven or eight generations, and is now owned by Everett J. Esselsteyn, lawyer, of New York City. Upon this estate is the only family graveyard, where members of the family found sepulcher for several generations and it is believed that in this private cemetery lie the bones of the founder of this family in America together with his good vrouw Mayke, or Maria Cornelise. In their joint will executed in the year after the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 1676/7 on the 12th day of January, they are described as "the worshipful Marten Cornelissen, born in the town of Ysselstein, and his wife Maeycke Cornelise, born in Zarrevelt, living both on the Claverrack. They had the following children:

1. JANNETIE MARTENS, who was married 1679 to Hendrick Cornelisse Van den Bogart, a young unmarried man from Hypick, in the District of Vianen, Province of Utrecht, Holland, then residing at Kingston. N. Y. Three of their children were

baptised at Kingston— Marten, bp. 10-3-1686 Rebecca, bp. 4-4-1697 Rachel, bp. 5-4-1701

2. GEERTJE (Gertrude)), who married Jacob Bruyn, by whom she had a son Jan, bp. at Kingston 10-6-1678.

3. CORNELIUS Van Ysselsteyn was married 1686 to Cornells Van Vredenberg, born 1667, she was the daughter of William Isaac Vreden- berg and wife Apollia Barnets of Kingston, N. Y. Cornelius is spoken of in a deed as Cornelis Martense, eldest son and heir of Marten Cornelis Van Iselsteyn of Claverack. He resided in the latter place on the Van Ysselsteyn homestead and was prominent in the organization of the Dutch Reformed Church of Claverack in 1727. His death occurred in 1748 as indicated by the fact that his will dated 1740 was proved in the year 1748/9 (see extract from Pearson's First Settlers of Albany County, Sec. VII of Van Ysselsteyn Appendix.) He had the following children: William, Bataah, bp. Kingston 8-7-1687; Tobias, bp. at Albany 1690; Isaac, bp. Kingston 1696; Johannes, bp. Kingston 1698; Jacobus, bp. Kingston 1701; Abraham, bp. Albany 1704; David, bp. Albany 1705.
4. Pos Van Ysselsteyn. *

5. William Van Ysselsteyn. *

6. MACHTEL, mar. JOHANNES SMEDDES. *

7. Marritje (Maria) Martens.

8. JACOBUS Van Ysselsteyn, married at Kingston 1699, Cathalyn Van Deusen. He removed to New York City and eventually to Amboy, N. J. Among his children were the following; Marten, bp. 1700, Kingston, N. Y.; Matheus, bp. N. Y. 1715; Isaac, Helena, bp. N. Y. 1703; Bata, bp. N. Y. 1705.

9. CORNELIS Van Ysselstyne, described as a young unmarried woman, born Harlem, residing at Kingston, married Jan Post [March 29, 1702]

From New Jersey Historical Society:

(a) Mathias Iselstein, who resided in Perth Amboy 1759, who was a mason and, in that year, deeded a piece of land to Governor Bernard.

(b) In 1765 Isaac Iselstine kept an inn in Perth.Amboy and in 1751 Matthew Iselstein commanded a passage boat between New York and Amboy. The boat is described as having a fine, commodious cabin fitted up with a tea table and sundry other conveniences.

(c) Jacob Iselton was one of the four assistant aldermen who have held office as such under the first Charter granted to Perth Amboy 1768.

Some who are working on the Esselsteyn genealogy believe that Isaac, father of Conrad, is of the line of Jan William Ysselsteyn. The line is not yet complete, but because the searchers may prove this at a later date the following is given:

From History of Kings County & Brooklyn — Stiles. 1683-1684

(Red Hook is now Brooklyn)

P. 275. 2-19-1660. The village of Buckwyck was laid out for safety and protection from the Indians. 3-14-1661 it was formally given the name of Boswijck (the town of the woods). Application was then made and granted for certain town privileges. This application was signed by 23 men, viz. . . . (3rd) Jan Willemse Yselsteyn . . .

P. 277. In May of the same year (1664) Jan Willemsen Van Iselsteyn, commonly called Jan of Leyden, for using abusive language and writing insolent letter to the magistrates of Bushwick was sentenced to be fastened to a stake at the place of public execution with a bridle in his mouth, a bundle of rods under his arm and a paper on his breast bearing the inscription "Lampoon writer, false accuser and defamer of its magistrates." After this ignominy he was banished with costs.

Jan was included on assessment list of improved lands in Bushwyck 1706.

Records show that Jan first lived on Manhattan and then later moved to Claverack, N. Y. His father was William Ponsen (Pons) Van Yselsteyn. Jan married Willemtje Jan. Their children:

Geertruyd, bp. 5-22-1650 (girl)
Machtelt, bp. 7-18-1655 (girl)
Willem, bp. 2-20-1658
Jacomyntie bp. 1 1-30-1661 (girl)
Maria, bp. 11-12-1664 (girl)
Cornells, bp. 6-24-1669

Providence, may be a granddaughter, bp. Bergan Co., N. J., mar. Richard Compton 1694.

DEATH DATE OF 1705 COMES FROM HERE. THIS MAY BE THE MOST COMPLETE RECORD OF THE IMMIGRANT AND THE EARLIEST GENERATIONS:
https://books.google.com/books?idYQ9GAAAAMAAJ&pgPA372&lpgPA372&dqisaac+esselstyn+1696+kingston&sourcebl&otsjfFfxiVur8&sigACfU3U0pzki4wOn-Nwjc7WfeETFk1lZ9Dw&hlen&saX&ved2ahUKEwjoruqQ577nAhXwlHIEHUWtAIEQ6AEwAH0ECAsQAQ#vonepage&qisaac%20esselstyn%201696%20kingston&ffalse

On the 23 Jan., 1704/5 "Cornelis Martense, eldest son and heir of Marten Cornelise Van Isselstyn, deceased, of Claverac," confirmed the sale of farms No. 8, to Class Van Petten. (181-5)

Marten married Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Jannetje Martens was born about 1657 in Schenectady, New Netherlands and died about 1703 in Marbletown, New York.

8 ii. Jacobus Martens Van Esselsteyn
Marten next married someone.

17. **Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt** was born about 1635 in Zarrevelt, Netherlands and died about 1699 in Claverack, New York.

Maeycke married Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn.

18. **Teuwis Abrahamsen Van Deusen**, son of Abraham Pietersen Van Deusen and Tryntje Melchiors, was born about 1630 in Haarlem, Netherlands and died after June 28, 1686 of Claverack, New York.

General Notes:
Teuwis Abrahamsen "Mattheus, Matthew" Van Deursen aka van Deusen
Born about 1631 in Haarlem, Noord-Holland, Nederlandmap [uncertain]

Son of Abraham (Pietersz) Van Deursen and Tryntje Melchiors
Brother of Johannes Van Deursen, Marritje (Abrahams) van Deursen, Isaac Abrahams Van Deursen, Jacob Abrahamszen Van Deursen, Pieter Abrahamszen van Deursen and Melchior Abrahamse Van Deursen
Husband of Helena Robberts — married 1653 in RDC New York, NY

Teuwis Abrahamsen Van Deursen was a New Netherland settler.

This person is an ancestor of President Martin Van Buren, 8th US President.

Biography

Teuwis (Mattheus) Abrahamsen Van Deursen[1] was the eldest son of the immigrant Abraham Pietersen (Van Deursen) and Tryntje Melchiors of New Amsterdam. He was born about 1631, probably in New Amsterdam (no Haarlem record of children after his parents' 1629 marriage there).

He married about 1653 Helena Robberts.

Teunis removed to Beverwyck (now Albany, New York), where he was granted a lot 28 October 1658.

He owned a lot on Broadway, about thirty-five feet in front, extending back to James Street, from 1656 to 1667.

Baptismal records of Albany do not begin until 5 Aug 1683; Claveracks records date only from 1722.

In 1667, he moved to Claverack. (Others have stated he lived in Albany until 1700.)

13 Dec 1677, his name appears on a deed as Mattheus Abrahamse (Van Deusen) Mattheus Abrahamsen Van Deursen wrote his will on the 28th day of June, 1686 at New Albany stating he lived in Claverack. He gives in his will: Commending first of all his soul to the hands of the Almighty and his body to a Christian burial, annulling, canceling and making void all previous testamentary dispositions and all other bequests made before the date hereof, he nominates, designates and appoints, as he nominates and appoints hereby, his respective wife Helena Robberts, his sole and universal heir to all estate and personal property such as cattle, household effects, clothing, money, gold, silver, both coined and uncoined, and all farm utensils or other things, nothing being reserved; also all his land and ground or grounds, with all that is fastened thereto by earth or nail and that appertains thereto, nothing in the world be excepted to all that he is to leave behind on his death. Also, to be administratrix and executrix and during the period of her widowhood to manage and to dispose of everything for the common benefit or loss, as the testator, while living, was entitled to do, without being obliged to render any statement of inventory, much less to give any bond or security to their children lawfully procreated by each other,, namely: “Tryntie aged about 29 years, Elysabeth aged about 24 years, Robbert aged about 23 years, Jan aged about 20 years, Abraham and Jacob (twins) aged about 15 years, Marretie aged about 13 years, Kathalyn aged about 9 years, Isaack aged about 6 and Herbert aged about 4 years ,and those whom they may still procreate together; nor shall in case of their minority or, in the event of the death of the married child or children, or that of their lawful grandchild or grandchildren, those those who are of age have any right to meddle therewith in the least, nor shall in the place of the minor child or children, grandchild or grandchildren, the blood relations, the honorable orphanmasters, constable or constables, justices of the peace, the court of this city, or any other court or justice (saving their respect) no matter how high their rank may be, have the right do so; all of whom, jointly and severally, he excludes and shuts out. There, the testator’s wife shall be bound honestly to provide for and to take care of the minor children according to her condition and circumstances, which the testator also fully trusts her to do, but their beloved eldest son, shall, as a privilege, before any division is made, receive in advance a cow or a horse, according to his choice.

And when the testator's aforesaid wife, having become his widow, dies, the children (or in case of their death the grandchildren in their parents' place) shall inherit and share equally, each one to the same extent, the eldest son or daughter receiving no more than any of the others, his or her brothers or sisters. The farm, however, with its proper appurtenances, situated in the Claverack, shall be leased and the other property shall be sold and the proceeds thereof shall be put out at interest, in order that the inor children may be brought up out of the rent and the interest, until the youngest child shall have become of age. The eldest son shall be preferred as lessee of the farm and, when the youngest child shall have become of age, as purchases of the same, according to an appraisal by impartial persons having knowledge of such matters, on proper and reasonable terms, the payment, as well as the moneys proceeding from the other goods, to be equally divided among him and the other brothers and sisters, or their heirs, as hereinbefore stated. But if the testator;s eldest son dies without leaving any lawful heirs, the said farm shall devolve upon him who shall then be the eldest son, provided that the payments made thereon shall again be paid out to the person whom the deceased shall have designated for that purpose, or,no one having been designated, to the person who according to law shall be entitled to it. And this shall take place in regard to the farm until the possessor and purchaser thereof shall leave lawful descendants. But in case the testator's aforesaid wife again marries, she shall make a complete exhibit of the just half of the farm and of everything else for the benefit of the children, but after an appraisal has been made she shall retain possession thereof without paying rent or interest thereon until the youngest child is of age, provided that she must give sufficient security for the just half and that furthermore she shall be obliged honestly to bring up and in every way to take care of the minor children according to her condition and circumstances, as a faithful mother should. With the understanding that the children shall divide the half among themselves in equal portions as herein stated.

The testator reserves to himself the power to appoint guardians over his minor children, as well as co-guardians to lend his aforesaid wife the helping hand and to assist her by word and deed; but in case the testator fails to do so while he is still living, his wife shall have the right to do so after his death.

Likewise, the testator desires, if it should happen (which may God prevent) that one or more of the minor children should be God's hand be struck or afflicted with a serious defect and thereby be unable to earn his or their living like another person, his wife shall after the testator's death have power to give such child or children, for their support, some decent allowance, such as she shall then think fit, out of the common real estate and other property before any division is made, without any of the other children having anything to say about it or having the right to trouble his wife with it.

All that is herein before written the testator declares to be his testamentary disposition and last and ultimate will, which he desire to take effect, from the least to the most important article inclusive, whether as testament, codicil, gift in

anticipation of death or among the living, or any other bequest, not-withstanding all formalities may not have been observed herein, requesting hereby that he may receive the utmost benefit of the law for the maintenance thereof. And in witness of the truth he has signed and sealed this with his own hand at the house of Notary Jan Becker, on the 28th of June 1686, at Albany aforesaid.

Teuwis married Helena Robberts about 1653 in New Amsterdam, New Netherlands.

The child from this marriage was:

9 i. Catalyntje Van Deusen

19. **Helena Robberts** was born about 1634 in Netherlands and died after June 28, 1686 of Claverack, New York.

General Notes: Little is known about Helena Robberts. She was married in New Amsterdam c.1653 and had her last child in 1681. This places her birth around 1633-35.

Helena's early birth strongly suggests she was born in Europe. At the time of her birth, the whole of New Netherlands (New York State) only had about 300 people. None of them were named Robberts that early, as confirmed by the earliest baptisms of New York City, which began in 1639. There was a substantial Robberts family in the Netherlands at the time and she married into a reasonably wealthy middle-class family (her father-in-law was a miller), so it seems likely she immigrated from the Old World.

Clue to her parents may be in parentage of Thomas Robbertszen, born c. 1656 in Flatlands, New Amsterdam. Are they bro. and sis.?

She may be the "Helena Robberts" bapt. Aug. 30, 1637 in Amsterdam to Tomas Robbertz and Lijsbet Jans. This couple also had children named Abraham and Meijntie.

A Tomasz Robbertsz married a Pieterjen Jans Jan. 9, 1633 in Amsterdam, but this may be another couple.

There was a Thomasz Robberts in NYC in 1702, but this is super late.

A John Seals (Englishman) was a planter on Manhattan Island as early as 1638 where he married a Maria Robberts and had one child.
https://www.frostandgilchrist.com/getperson.php?personIDI12618&treefrostinaz01

John Seals was from Little Waldingfield, Suffolk, UK--apparently Marjtje Roberts may have been as well

http://myplace.frontier.com/~migen/family/seals.htm

A Hanna Robberts had a daughter baptized Oct. 1674 in early NYC baptisms. The name Robberts doesn't appear until 1662 and its Helena.
https://www.geni.com/projects/New-Amsterdam-Baptisms-1639-1674/23875

Robert Thomaszen Sanders (born 1641 New Amsterdam) had a daughter in 1683 named Helena Robertse Sanders and another named Maria! His father was Thomas Sanders of the Netherlands.

Father could be Robbert Pinnoyer (RULED OUT), Robbert Feecke or Fecks (NOTHING GOOD), Robbert Belloy, Robbert Story, Robert Coo.

There is a Tobias Feecke (1653)interesting because of Tobias Van Deusen. Robert Fecke, ancestor of Oyster Bay Feckes, was uncle to Tobias Fecke (1621-c.1667)

New Amsterdam Church marriages.

Thomas Robbertszen married 1697
Judith Roberts marries 1663, she had been widow
https://brooklynancestry.com/new-amsterdam-church-marriages-1639-1700/

In 1670 there was a Simon Robberts "master of a bark."
https://books.google.com/books?idMDMcWjk49fsC&pgPA280&lpgPA280&dqrobert+%22coo%22+new+amsterdam&sourcebl&otsAVFvN_nfRX&sigACfU3U3e9TkaRvg5D88SwujOdyNAmJvDrQ&hlen&saX&ved2ahUKEwjozor1osbnAhUVmHIEHUR9DkMQ6AEwAHoECAoQAQ#vsnippet&qrobberts&ffalse

Helena married Teuwis Abrahamsen Van Deusen about 1653 in New Amsterdam, New Netherlands.

20. **Christian Keller** was born about 1660 in German States and died in 1710 in East Camp, Hudson River, New York.

General Notes: 1. Christian1 Keller was born in Germany, and died 1710 in East Camp on the Hudson. He married Anna Margaretha (Keller).

Children of Christian Keller and Anna (Keller) are:
2.....i....Conrad2 Keller, b. Abt. 1695, Rhine Valley, Europe; d. Livingston, Columbia Co New York.
3.....ii....Anna Christina Keller, b. Abt. 1700.
4.....iii....Anna Margretha Keller, b. Bef. 1700.

http://web.archive.org/web/20071005194332/http://home.primus.ca/~jgkeller/ChristianKeller1-4.html#20

CHRISITAN KELLER appears in a list of Palatine immigrants who settled in camps near the Hudson River via the patronage of Queen Anne of England in 1710-11. On the list of 1714 seen here is the widow of Christian Keller. http://www.threeriversshms.com/nameshunter.htm

Christian married Anna Margaretha.

The child from this marriage was:

10 i. Conrad Keller

21. **Anna Margaretha** was born about 1665 in German States and died on March 21, 1716 in West Camp, Ulster County, New York.

General Notes:
https://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/trees/105145/I3324/christian-keller/individual#5

Anna married Christian Keller.

22. **Johann Proper** was born about 1679 in German States and died after 1715 in New York.

General Notes: Naturalization: 22 Nov 1715 Albany Co., NY. See http://trees.wmgs.org/getperson.php?personIDI36963&treeSchirado

SOURCE: Proper Family History (1996)
https://books.google.com/books/about/Proper_Family_History.html?idvgtJAAAAMAAJ

Johann married Anna Elizabetha.

The child from this marriage was:

11 i. Maria Barbara Proper

23. **Anna Elizabetha** was born about 1680 in German States.

Anna married Johann Proper.

24. **Joseph Stocker**, son of Thomas Stocker and Martha, was born about 1647 in Massachusetts, died on October 20, 1703 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried in King's Chapel Burying Ground, Boston, MA.

General Notes: If Thomas Stocker is indeed his father, Joseph might have been born in Boston; his father is named in transactions there as far back as February 1640/1.

July 17, 1665: Joseph Stocker named as one of several men who gathered timber at Samuel Bennett's house in a deposition of John Brown in Lynn, Massachusetts (Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts...)

"New England Marriages Prior to 1700" gives Joseph Stocker and Anne Sheffied marriage in 1671, Boston. Also gives her birth as 1649.

Oct. 29, 1672: In Suffolk County court, Constance Wooster was convicted of stealing several pieces of linen from the wife of Joseph Stocker. Samuel Stocker sued someone in Suffolk Co. court over his detention of his negro named Caesar in February 1672. Sam. Stocker took oath of allegience in court in October 1678.

Joseph Stocker aged about 30 years, gave a deposition in Essex County, Massachusetts in 1677. This somewhat connects him to Thomas Stocker--Ebenezer Stocker, son of Thomas, was married in Lynn, Essex Co., Massachusetts in 1674. "Joseph Stocker, aged about thirty years, deposed that he was carpenter aboard the John and Ann, and at sea between Madera and Lisbao he heard Richard Knott swear that when he arrived at Lisbao, he would leave the ship. Also that about a week after the ship had been at anchor there, Knott went ashore with the commander and did not return for several days or when he came aboard to take his clothes and goods. Sworn, Sept. 22, 1677, before Thomas Clarke,* commissioner."

Children named as Mary, Martha, Ann, Joseph, Sheffield, Hannah. All born in Boston, MA.

Joseph Stocker was the only man of his surname in Boston in 1695. http://www.newhorizonsgenealogicalservices.com/massachusetts-genealogy/suffolk-county/inhabitants_boston_ma_1695.htm

"Index of Deaths Registered in the City of Boston 1700-1800" gives only two Stocker burials: John, died Oct. 20, buried Oct. 21, 1703, age 60, and his wife Anne, died Feb. 4, buried Feb. 6, 1702, no age given. He was buried at the King's Chapel Burying Ground, according to city records. No "Stalkers" or other variants. (via Ancestry.com)

Gravestone inscritption: Here lyes ye body of JOSEPH STOCKER aged about 60 years, died Oct ye 20, 1703.

Joseph married Ann Sheffield about 1670.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Mary Stocker was born on April 10, 1671 in Boston, Massachusetts.

ii. Martha Stocker was born on December 25, 1672 in Boston, Massachusetts.

iii. Ann Stocker was born on July 26, 1677 in Boston, Massachusetts.

12 iv. Joseph Stalker

v. Sheffield Stocker was born on January 12, 1685 in Boston, Massachusetts.

vi. Hannah Stocker was born on September 27, 1687 in Boston, Massachusetts.

25. **Ann Sheffield**, daughter of Edmund Sheffield and Mary Woodie, was born on April 1, 1649 in Braintree, Massachusetts, died on February 4, 1702 in Boston, Massachusetts, and was buried in King's Chapel Burying Ground, Boston, MA.

General Notes: Braintree town records, year 1649: "Ann Sheffield, daughter of Edmund Sheffield, born the first day of the second month."

Ann married Joseph Stocker about 1670.

26. **Robert Hall** was born in May 1621 in Hammersmith, Middlesex, England and died in October 1727 in Mendon, Massachusetts.

General Notes: "We are informed that some days ago, died at Mendon, Mr. Robert Hall, who was last May, 106 years old. He was born at Hammersmith in Old England, and served as a soldier under Cromwell for very many years, was in the most if not all the Battles fought by that Warriour. He was visited with blindness for several years before his death. If you entered into conversation with him, his whole discourse assuredly turned upon the Civil Wars upon Expeditions, Campaigns, Fire, Smoke, and Slaughter, etc." --New England Weekly Journal, Oct. 23, 1727. See New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volume 10.

His confirmed appearances in the records of Massachusetts:

Jan. 11, 1685/6: Robert Hall first appears in Mendon in a rate list dated January 11, 1685/6 to pay the salary of an official who served from Oct. 25, 1685 to Mar. 25, 1686 (New Years' Day). This is a vital clue. This means that because Mary Hall could not have been born before 1687, she must have been born in Mendon.

1688-1691: Robert Hall first appears in the tax records of Mendon, Massachusetts on October 25, 1688. He may have been exempted from paying taxes due to his age after 1691.

Oct. 10, 1699: Robert Hall had killed five wolf whelps and brought their ears to court.

June 6, 1705: Robert Hall and his heirs were "forever" granted 40 acres by the town of Mendon. (Annals of the Town of Mendon: https://archive.org/details/annalsoftownofme00metc/)
May 27, 1708: Thomas Peck sold two and a half acres in Mendon to Robert Hall, only to buy it back a day later.

May 28, 1708: Robert Hall of Mendon, yeoman, sold to Thomas Peck shipwright of Boston, a two and a half acre lot in Mendon. Hall affirmed that he was the sole owner in this record, though at this time the clerk had a habit of including the wife if a landowner was married (as he did on the very next record)--this indicates Robert Hall was unmarried at the time.

He sold his homestead land in November 1725 to John Sadler. This land (40 acres) was re-surveyed 20 Nov 1729 at the request of the "Providence Petitioners."

https://www.ancestry.com/boards/surnames.hall/14122/mb.ashx

He died in October 1727. Robert Hall had no will or probate in Suffolk County.

Aside from tax records, he makes no appearance in "Massachusetts Town and Vital Records 1620-1988."

He makes no appearance in "U.S. New England Marriages Prior to 1700."

Only Mary and Joseph Stalker quitclaimed Robert Hall's homestead property in 1728; this suggests she was his sole heir. This suggests that Robert and his wife had a rather short marriage and she may have died very early. Given that Robert sold his homestead property in 1725, he likely lived with the Stalkers thereafter.

No one named Hall appears in the vital records of Mendon, MA until John Wilson and Margaritt Hall married in Mendon in 1711. In 1737, Abigail Albey and Seth Hall of Bellingham married in Mendon. Deborah Thorn and Ephraim Hall of Attelborough married in Mendon in 1739. Rebeckah Sherlock and Zuriel Hall married in Mendon in 1748. Deborah Daniels and Hezekiah Hall of Uxbridge filed their marriage intentions in Mendon in 1749. Capt. Hezekiah Hayward and Rebeckah Hall of Wrentham married in Mendon in 1758. Abijah Hall and Sarah Hatch of Uxbridge married in Mendon in 1760.

There was a Seth Hall (1707-1780) of Mendon, son of Zuriel (1677-1765) of Mendon, who was born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. He was son of Zuriel Sr. (1642-1691), son of William Hall of Newport, Rhode Island.

Oliver Cromwell's last fight in the English Civil war was on September 3, 1651, so it stands to reason Robert Hall came to Massachusetts after then. Given that he seems to have left no trace in records before Mendon, he seems to have come over late, and likely already married and had most of his children before 1685.

Robert Hall does not appear in Massachusetts Officers and Soldiers in the Seventeenth Century Conflicts. Robert Hall does not appear in Soldiers in King Phillip's War.

Robert married Unknown.

The child from this marriage was:

13 i. Mary Hall

27. Unknown was born in 1638-1680 and died before May 28, 1708 of Mendon, Massachusetts.

General Notes:

There is no record in New England of any marriage for this Robert Hall. The evidence seems to suggest that he was married in England, but that Mary was born in Mendon. Familysearch (not comprehensive) shows 92 possibilities for Robert Hall marriages in the UK.

The land Robert Hall sold to Sadler in 1727 was bound by Ebenezer Read and Daniel Lovett. Both can be more or less eliminated based on Wikitree data. Daniel Lovett (1680-1742) has no immediate female family who could be wife of Robert Hall.

She may have been a Peck or a Sadler? Doesn't check out.

WIFE THEORIES:

Robert Hall was grantor to Thomas Peck, 1708 and 1710
Grantor to John Sadler, 1727

Thomas Peck, shipwright of Boston. He died in 1748, no Hall connections, some of his sisters could be the right age to be mother to Mary Hall.
https://wc.rootsweb.com/trees/135345/I12240/thomas-peck/individual

The Peck book doesn't mention Thomas of Mendon but the was the right age to be the brother of John Peck.

https://books.google.com/books?idgg-jtqsd5lcC&pgPA38&lpgPA38&dqThomas+Peck+of+Mendon,+MA&sourcebl&otsayk4QzcOkl&sigACfU3U3wao3s_-3Fv78e8nWHwU7zW5Iz_Q&hlen&saX&ved2ahUKEwjyiNXQx-DnAhXJlnIEHQ_bC5YQ6AEwCHoECAoQAQ#vonepage&qMendon&ffalse

John Sadler was very young b. 1693, settled in Mendon in 1723, so he can probably be eliminated:

"I don't have the answer, but I have some info for you nonetheless. John Sadler was the progenitor of all the Upton, Mass., Sadlers, and, judging from the date, I suspect Lydia was his grandaughter. An inquiry, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Upton Historical Society, Upton, Ma 01568, might get you the answer."

Upton did not exist before 1735. John was born in Rowley, Mass.

According to "Historic Homes & Institutions & Genealogical & Personal Memoirs of Worcester County, Mass., Vol. III," 1907, John was born March 13, 1693, in Gloucester, a son of Abiel (John's mother's maiden name Dike).

John was married three times:

First, April 27, 1713 to Sarah Scott of Rowley, Mass.
Second, in 1736 to Lydia Gale of Watertown, Mass. (she died in 1745),
and third (date not cited) to Susanna Putnam of Sutton (She was a widow; perhaps her maiden name was Fuller, as you mention).Susanna died in 1772.
I'm not related to the Sadlers at all, but live in the house built probably by John's grandson c. 1800 on the property settled by John in 1723 (when it was still part of Mendon, Mass.).

Unknown married Robert Hall.

28. **William Turner** was born about 1674 in England and died after December 2, 1721 of Taar Boss, New York.

General Notes: Will Turner named among enlisted garrison, with reference to Fort Albany, April 27-May 27, 1692.

Nov. 1697-May 1698, William Turner was paid for being a soldier "at the frontiers of Albany."

Marriage record: William Turner "born in O. Engl. liv. here." married "Abigael Bogaart" who "live at Katskil in Alb. Co." on Nov. 15, 1702 with marriage registration of Nov. 7. (Dutch Reformed Church of Albany, NY).

Oct. 25, 1713, William Turner was named among enlisted men at Albany, New York.

William married Abigail Bogaert on November 15, 1702 in Albany, New York.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Jacobus Turner was born in 1703 in Albany, New York, was christened on October 17, 1703 in Dutch Reformed Church, Albany, New York, and died before November 1, 1708.

14 ii. Helmer Johannes Turner

iii. Jacobus Turner was born on November 1, 1708 in Athens, New York, was christened on December 12, 1708 in Zion Luthern Church, Athens, New York, and died after November 20, 1728 of Athens, New York.

iv. Geisbert Turner was born on February 28, 1711 in Athens, New York and died after May 7, 1743 in Athens, New York.

v. Cornelius Turner was born on November 20, 1721 in Taar Boss, New York and was christened on December 2, 1721 in Dutch Reformed Church, New York City, New York.

29. **Abigail Bogaert**, daughter of Gysbert Corneliszn Bogaert and Mary Jochems, was born about 1682 in Catskill, New York and died after December 2, 1721 of Taar Boss, New York.

General Notes: William Turner and Abigail Bogerd had a son named Jacobus, baptized Oct. 17, 1703 at Albany, NY. Sponsors Albert Rykman Sr. and Anna Ganservoot. In a later baptism of son Helmer Johannes, this Abigail is called "Abigail Bogaart."

Maybe the daughter of a Gisbert Bogaert who was born in the Netherlands in 1635 (guesswork) and died in Catskill in 1685. John A. Bogart in, "The Seven Bogert (sic.) - Bogart Families in Canada Whose Ancestors Were Among the Early Dutch Settlers of New Netherland", states on page 83 that, "According to the late Richard Schermerhorn Jr., an accredited genealogist of Dutch pioneer families, he (Gysbert Bogart) had Cornelius, Abigail, Johannes and Tysje (sic.) [prob m. Jan Decker] whose records are now well established."

He goes on to say that this Helmer shows up at the baptisms of some of Abigail's children (between 1703-1711), adding to the evidence that the Abigail BOGART that married William Turner was actually the daughter of Gysbert and Mary (Jochims/Jochemse) UYTENBOGAART. (Gysbert #1)

https://lists.rootsweb.com/hyperkitty/list/roots@rootsweb.com/thread/16368997/

PARENTAGE STUDY: Albany, NY.

Helmer Janse Joralemon and his wife sponsored two baptisms that involved the Bogart name. "Helmer Jansse and wife, Anna" were sponsors 7 Jan 1705 at the baptism of "Helmer Johannes son of William Turner and Abigail Bogart." "Helmer Jansse and wife, Antje" were sponsors 6 Apr 1707 at the baptism of "Jacob son of Jan Dekker and Tryje Bogert." William Turner and Abigail Bogart also named a son, Gysbert Turner, which would seem to indicate a connection to Gysbert Bogart of Catskill. Abigail Bogart Turner was living at Catskill at the time

of her marriage in Nov 1702, which indicates a further connection between her, Gysbert Bogart, and Helmer Janse.

MARRIAGE RECORD: "William Turner, young man, born in Old England, living here (Kinderhook), and Abigael Bogaert living at Katskill in Albany County" m. 7 (First Settlers of Albany) 15 (church) Nov 1702 (Albany Dutch Church record).

Children of William Turner and Abigail Bogart:

Jacobus Turner bpt 17 Oct 1703 (Albany). Witnesses, Albert Rykman Sr., and Anna Gensevoort.
Helmer Johannes Turner bpt 7 Jan 1705 (Albany). Witnesses, Helmer Janse and wife.
Jacobus Turner b. 1 Nov "op de vlakte Klinkenbergh" bpt there 12 Dec 1708 (Zion's Lutheran Church, Athens).
Geisbert Turner b. "op de flakte Loonenburgh" 28 Feb bpt there 4 Mar 1711 (Zion's Lutheran).

Children of Jan Decker and Tryje Bogart (Abigail's probable sister):

Jacob Decker bpt 6 Apr 1707 (Albany). Witness, Helmer Jansz.
Maritje (Maria) Decker bpt 3 Oct 1708 (Albany). Witnesses, Richard Van den Berk and Rachel Hoogteeling.
Gysbert Decker bpt 7 May 1710 (Kingston). Witnesses, Laurent Dekker and Geertruy Tietsoort.
Lourens Decker b. 2 Feb "op de flakte Loonenburgh" bpt there 9 Mar 1712 (Athens Zion Lutheran Church).

A Dorothea Janse and Jan Cornelise Van der Hoeven resided Kinderhook, New York. He was the son of Cornelis Van der Hoeven and his wife Gertruy. They removed in 1696 from Kinderhook to Bergen County, New Jersey. Was there a Joralemon and Bogart connection? Dorothea named a son Gysbert. Was this for Gysbert Bogart? Jan and Dorothea had the following children:

Cornelis bpt 16 Sept 1683 (named for the paternal grandfather) is perhaps the "Cornelis Van der Hoef, young man, born Albany, marriage banns registered 18 Oct 1712 (Hackensack) Elizabeth Ackermans, young dame, born Hackensack, both living Hackensack."
Johannes bpt 9 May 1686 (named for the maternal grandfather).
Geertruy bpt 29 Mar 1688 is perhaps the "Geertruy Van der Hoef, young dame, born Albany, marriage banns registerd 7 Nov 1713 (Hackensack) Pieter Rettan, young man, born Esopus, both living at New Barbados."
Gysbert bpt 20 Jan 1692.
Isaac bpt 9 Dec 1694.
Jacob.

SKEPTICISM: "Lastly, the relationship of Gysbert Uytden Bogaert and wife Mary Jochims to Helmer Janse has not been determined by me. In one land petition Helmer Janse refers to Gysbert Uytden Bogaert as father in law and in another stepfather. If Helmer Janse of these land petitions and Helmer Janse Joralemon are one and the same it is doubtful that Mary Jochims was the mother of Helmer since Jacobus Joralemon and Jan Joralemon of Bergen and Hackensack, New Jersey area were believed to be brothers of Helmer and neither named a known daughter Mary unless they had different mothers. Was Helmer's wife thus related to Gysbert Uytden Bogaert and Mary Jochims? Perhaps Mary Jochims, but it would not appear that she was related to Gysbert or she would have or should have carried a name other than Lucasz or Laurents."

From: https://lists.rootsweb.com/hyperkitty/list/dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com/thread/15867308/

NOTE: The two sisters, Tryje and Abigail Bogaart both moved south of Albany, with Tryje settling in Loonenberg (modern Athens) and Abigail living in Taar Boss (Manortown) and Kinderhook, both about 20 miles from Athens. Abigail and Tryje are both orphans with unknown parents and Helmer Johannsen, a proven step son of Gysbert Bogaert, witnessed baptisms for both women. Abigail even named her son "Helmer Johannsen Turner" and had another son named Gysbert. The skepticism is understandable but it seems more likely that Gysbert Bogaert had two unnamed daughters to whom he did not leave his land as they were minors at the time. The fact that his wife was said to be pregnant in a court document of 1685 (leaving her unable to attend) suggest they had unknown children as well.

Abigail married William Turner on November 15, 1702 in Albany, New York.

30. **Gysbert Oosterhout**, son of Jan Janssen Van Osterhout and Annetjen Jelles, was born in 1681 in Kingston, New York, was christened on August 28, 1681 in Dutch Reformed Church, Kingston, New York, and died before October 17, 1724 in Linlithgo, New York.

General Notes: Christening (Kingston): 1681 Aug 28; Jan Jansen van Osterhout, Annetyen Jellis; Gisbert; Elsyen Breeste.

Births of his children, Dutch Reformed Church, Kingston, NY.

1706 Aug 11; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marytie Bogaart; Annetie; Jan Oosterhout, Antie Ploeg.
1707 Nov 02; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marretie Bogaart; Marretie; Cornelis Swits, Jannetie de Wit
1709 Sep 11; Gysbert Oosterhouwt, Marytje Bogaart; Rebekka; Laurrens Oosterhouwt, Rebeca Rosa
1711 Feb 11; Gysbert Oosterhoud, Marretjen Bogaard; Lysebeth; Bruyn Bresjer, Lysebeth Oosterhoud

1712 Mar 09; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marretjen Bogaart; Ariaantjen; 'TJerk Mathyssz, Ariaantjen Oosterhout
1713 Feb 15; Gysbert Oosterhoud, Marretjen Bogert; Janneken; Jacobus Wynkoop, Janneken Bogardus
1715 Apr 17; Gysbert Oosterhoud, Marretjen Bogaard; Jan; Jan Oosterhoud jr, Tryntjen Oosterhoud

Note: Jan de Wit was an in-law on the Oosterhout side.

"Gysbert Oosterhout" and "Maritje Oosterhout" were reported in the death register of Linlithgo, near Livingston, New York on Oct. 17, 1724. The previous registration of death was in April, so they died between April and October.

PARENTAGE:
Gysbert, father of Annetje/Anneke, very likely son of Jan and Annetje Jelles; Jan Oosterhout and Antjie Ploeg were sponsors at Annetje's baptism in 1706--Jan was brother to Gysbert had son with Antjie Ploeg named Laurens in 1707, sponsored by Cryn Oosterhout and Marytje Schut. Cryn, born Aug. 31, 1679 to same parents.

Gysbert married Marytje Bogaart about 1705 in Coxackie, New York.

The child from this marriage was:

15 i. Anneke Oosterhout

31. **Marytje Bogaart**, daughter of Henderik Cornelissen Bogaart and Jannetje Martens, was born in 1680 in Kingston, New York and died before October 17, 1724 in Linlithgo, New York.

Connection seems based on city; there may be two families called Bogardus and Bogart in Kingston.

Cornelia Bogardus 1675
Henric Bogaard 1684
Cornelis Bogardus 1689
Hendrick Cornelissen Bogaart 1692, 1694 note that he is always called Bogaart.
Cornelis Bogard, Antje Post, Jan Post, Cornelia Martinsen; Antje 1703
Mayke Bogard, 1704
Thomas Janssen; Mayke Bogard; Jannetje; Hendrick Bogard, Rutje Bogard 1704

No overlap in records. People are always called either Bogart or Bogardus. Families do not overlap as sponsors or anything.

Joris Middag, Marritje Martins; Jacob; Cornelis Bogard, Aaltje Bogard, 1704. Cornelis Bogart may actually be a different, unrelated person to Cornelis Bogardus--he appears with totally different families.

1706 Aug 11; Cornelis Bogaart, Cornelia de la Metre; Catharina; Hendrik Bogaart, Rutge Waldrum.

MARYTJE's PARENTAGE:

Her father is probably Hendrick Cornelissen Bogaart.

1. He is about the right age, b.1650s
2. He begins appearing in Kingston NY records in 1684.
3. He has the correct last name (Bogaart, not Bogardus)
4. He had a grandchild baptised Aug. 11, 1706, same day Marytje Bogart Osterhout had child baptized.
5. There is a gap between his marriage in 1679 and first known child birth in 1682 she fits in perfectly.
6. The year 1680 only has five baptisms recorded; 1679 has 28 and 1681 has 36. Her birth went unrecorded.
7. She appears in two baptisms with members of the Hendrick Cornelissen Bogaart family:

1708 Jun 20; Jan Middag, Geertje Klaarwaater; Aart; Martje Bogart, Aaltje Bogart**********
1709 Sep 11; Cornelis Bogaart, Eva Hoorenbeek; Johannes; Johannes Hoornbeek, Marritje Boogaart*******

Marytje married Gysbert Oosterhout about 1705 in Coxackie, New York.

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Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandparents)

36. **Abraham Pietersen Van Deusen** was born on July 3, 1599 in Haarlem, Netherlands and died after July 10, 1667 in New York City, New York.

General Notes: New York colonial documents state that Abraham Pietersen, of Haarlem took possession, in 1636, for the Dutch West India Company, of the Island of Quentensis in front of Sloops Bay (now known as Dutch Island). In another place [the island] is described as the Island of Queteurs in front of Sloops Bay and Pequator's River and in 1664 they speak of the special possession of Abraham Pietersen, of Haarlem, still living on the Island of Quetenesse, in the Narricanese Bay near Rhode Island and also of another island near the Pequot River, called by the English: The Dutchmen's Island. In a latter instance he is spoken of, as of Haarlem, owing to his having lived there when he became interested in the first mentioned Island. In 1638, he was spoken of as the first miller in New Amsterdam; an important and lucrative position in those days, and he is sometimes mentioned in the records as Abraham Pietersen, Molenaer, or Miller. In 1641, on August 29 he was one of the "Twelve Men" whom the

commonalty chose and empowered to resolve on everything with the Director-General and Council, and on November 3 he was one of the "Eight Men" who sent a memorial to the State General of Holland, setting forth the distressed state on account of the Indian Outbreak, and begging for assistance.

While a 1912 genealogy made the claim that the immigrant Abraham Pietersen van Deursen was the child baptized 11 November 1607 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Haarlem, Noord-Holland, The Netherlands, this has been refuted:

A 1934 NYGBR article pointed out many discrepancies in the 1912 work pertaining to Abraham's pre-American ancestry, concluding that there is absolutely no proof of Abraham's origins. (The author also pointed out horrible flaws in the lineage back up the line. See the g2g link posted here (above right) for details of that article.

A 1953 article added that Abraham was identified as 31 years of age in 1632, calculating back to a 1601 (not 1607) birth.

Finally, research published in 1978 identified the correct baptism and parents of Abraham Pieterszen van Deursen, including the marriage of the parents and several additional children.

The immigrant and founder of the Van Deu(r)sen line in New York was Abraham Pieterszen "van Deursen" baptized 3 July 1599, son of Pieter Jans "van Deursen in Brabant" and Pauline Vincke. Witnesses were Jan Jans and Styntjen Jans.

The author goes on to say that tracing the line further back than 1591 is doubtful. "The church records for Deursen in the province of North Brabant begin in 1614; this leaves only the possibility of searching any existing notarial records, but these are usually incomplete and therefore a search is often inconclusive."

Marriage registered in the Dutch Reformed church at Haarlem, the Netherlands Dec. 9, 1629 (entered Nov. 25, 1629):

Abraham Pietersz. j.m. van Haarlem won. (living) in the Groote Houtstraat, and the bride as Trijntje Melchiors j.d. from Groningen, living in the Smedestraat "Inscribed for marriage November 25, 1629. Abraham Pietersen, bachelor, born at Haarlem, dwelling in the Great Forest Street (Groote Hout Straat), with Tryntje Melchiors, Spinster, native of Groningen,

The 1912 genealogy claimed incorrectly the record indicated she was dwelling in the Blacksmiths Street (Smedestraat), married December 9, 1629."

The 1912 genealogy adds:

The name of his wife, Tryntje Melchior Abrahams (Van Deursen), frequently appears in the records of the Old Dutch Church in the Fort of New Amsterdam. The first time in 1640 and the last in 1667, and their names also appear in the list of members for 1649. The marriage and the birth of their elder children either occurred in the Netherlands, or before the Church records commenced."

But this is incorrect. A 1633 baptism was found of their son Johannes in the Haarlem church records. " Johannes, bpt 1 January 1633 with Yetge Peters as witness."

Emigration

Various records indicate that Abraham may have started travelling to New Netherland for Dutch West India Company as early as 1627.

We know he was in Haarlem, Netherlands for his 1629 marriage and certainly there to conceive with his wife the child baptized in 1633.

While records in New Netherlands prior to 1638 have been lost (per 1912 genealogy); later records, indicate Abraham was in America was by 1636. A 1654 record refers to him as "one Abraham Pieterse of Haerlem."

Children:

Last two baptized in Dutch Reformed Church, New Amsterdam:

Teuwis (Matthew), b abt 1631; m abt 1653 Helene Robberts
Marytje, b abt 1632; m1 1651 Thomas Jansen Mingael, woh d abt 1661 or 1662; m2 Evert Jansen Wendell
Johannes, bpt 1 Jan 1633 in Haarlem, Netherlands.[10]
Isaac, b abt 1635; m 5 Apr 1659 at New Amsterdam Jannetie Jans
Jacob b abt 1638; m 23 Sep 1663 Catalyntie Vn Elslant
Pieter, bp 23 Mar 1642 (sponsors: Do. Everardus Bogardus, Olof Stephensen Van Coutlant, Jan Janszen Dam, Mairtje Teunis); m 10 Ot 1666 at New Amsterdam, Hester Webbers
Melchior, bp 6 Mar 1644 (sponsors Jan Stephenszen, Cos. Pieterszen, Anneken Bogardus, Lysbath Direcks); m abt 1668 Engeltie Rutgers.

Abraham married Tryntje Melchiors on December 9, 1629 in Haarlem, Netherlands.

The child from this marriage was:

18 i. Teuwis Abrahamsen Van Deusen

37. **Tryntje Melchiors** was born in 1611 in Groningen, Netherlands and died in 1672 in New York City, New York.

General Notes: Abraham last appears in the records 10 July 1667 when he witnessed the baptism of his granddaughter Annetie, daughter of his son Pieter Abrahamszen Van Duersen, and of Hester Webbers, Pieter's wife.

He supposedly died 18 Dec 1687 in New Amsterdam.[citation needed] (This is the date of a baptism of a granddaughter; at this baptism only Abraham's wife Tryntje was a witness. No Abraham.)

Tryntje married Abraham Pietersen Van Deusen on December 9, 1629 in Haarlem, Netherlands.

48. **Thomas Stocker** was born in 1620 in England and died after 1682 in Rumney Marsh, Lynn, Massachusetts.

General Notes: He may be the Thomas Stocker who was baptized in Fen Drayton, Cambridge, England on Sep. 3, 1620, son of Henry Stocker.

Thomas Stocker first appears in Boston Feb. 2, 1640/1, in a legal agreement with John Cogan.

One source notes Thomas Stocker was in Chelsea, Massachusetts in 1651. http://www.dayfamilytree.ca/NewEnglandMarriages/GenealogyDictionaryV4.htm

Though Thomas has only two proven children, Thomas and Elizabeth, who were both baptized at Lynn, MA in 1655, he is likely also be the father of Samuel, Ebenizur and Joseph Stocker of Boston and Lynn. According to different records, Joseph was born in either 1643 or 1647 and Samuel was born in 1643. Given that Thomas's known children were both baptized at once (possibly years after their births), he may have been playing catch up and likely had not have bothered with his older children.

Nov. 30, 1665: Thomas Stocker witnessed a bumbling, drunk man fall down and thought him "bewitched" according to a deposition. Someone got him lodging, although he seems to have died later at Lynn. (Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts)

From Depositions of Ipswich, MA Court:

"Capt. Thomas Marshall deposed as to being surety for Giffard. Thomas Stocker, aged about fifty-five years, deposed. Sworn, Mar. 29, 1675, before Edward Tyng,t assistant... Thomas Stocker, aged about fifty-five years, deposed that he heard Mr. Bartholemew Stretton and Elisha Hutchinson demand James Cooke, John Tucker and Joseph Arnold to go on board the ship which lay on shore at Rumly Marsh, to take down the sails and rigging that they might be saved."

"Inventory of the estate of Henry Dispaw, sr., of Lynn, taken by Samuel Stocker and John (his mark) Chilson, and allowed, 26 :4 : 1677, in Salem court: two old Coates & a payre of Breeches, 10s.; his old Hatt & all he had. Is. 6d."

"Joseph Stocker, aged about thirty years, deposed that he was carpenter aboard the John and Ann, and at sea between Madera and Lisbao he heard Richard Knott swear that when he arrived at Lisbao, he would leave the ship. Also that about a week after the ship had been at anchor there, Knott went ashore with the commander and did not return for several days or when he came aboard to take his clothes and goods. Sworn, Sept. 22, 1677, before Thomas Clarke,* commissioner."

Ebenezer Stocker also gave deposition in 1677.

(Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, MA. This entire file refers to Ipswich Quarterly Court. https://archive.org/stream/recordsfilesofqu06esse/recordsfilesofqu06esse_djvu.txt)

Thomas married Martha.

Children from this marriage were:

i. Samuel Stocker was born in 1643 in Massachusetts and died after October 1683 of Boston, Massachusetts.

ii. Daniel Stocker was born about 1645 in Massachusetts.

24 iii. Joseph Stocker

iv. Ebinezur Stocker was born about 1650 in Massachusetts and died on November 2, 1704 in Lynn, Massachusetts.

v. Thomas Stocker was born before 1655 in Rumney Marsh, Lynn, Massachusetts.

vi. Elizabeth Stocker was born before 1655 in Rumney Marsh, Lynn, Massachusetts.

49. **Martha** was born about 1620 in England and died after 1655 of Rumney Marsh, Lynn, Massachusetts.

General Notes: No record of her identity, but if she gave birth to a man in the 1640s she was certainly born in Europe. There's a small chance she was a daughter of James Browne (immigrated 1630, made freeman 1636, died 1651) who was married to a Grace before 1645. Browne left property to the children of

Thomas Stocker of Rumney Marsh in 1651 in the event of the death of his son James.

She could not be the Hannah Stocker named in the will of her father, Isaac Desborough Sr. of Eltisley, UK in December 1660. Hannah was born in October 1626 in Eltisley, Cambridge, England. Her brother, Isaac Jr. (d. bef.1658) lived for a time in Lynn, MA. A second brother, Samuel, immigrated to New Haven, CT. There is no evidence that this Hannah Stocker of 1660 emigrated to MA, and she was dead before 1655 anyway.

Martha married Thomas Stocker.

50. **Edmund Sheffield** was born in August 1612 in Sudbury, Suffolk, England and died on October 13, 1705 in Braintree, Massachusetts.

General Notes: Edmund SHEFFIELD was baptised 16d 8m 1612 at All Saints Church, Sudbury, Suffolkshire, England the son of Edmund & Thomasine SHEFFIELD of whom the former died at Sudbury, Suffolkshire. Edmund (bp. 1612) emmigrated to Massachusetts and married (1st) Mary WOODIE 17d 4m 1644 at Roxbury, Suffolk Co, Massachusetts and had eight children. He married (2nd) Sarah (BEAL) MARSH 5d 9m 1662 at Braintree, Norfolk Co, Massachusetts and had three children.

Braintree vital records: "Edmund Sheffield, my very aged and every honoured father in law was gathered to his fathers in peace in a good, as well as great old age (being about 90 years), the thirteenth day of October, 1705."

Edmund married Mary Woodie on June 17, 1644 in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

The child from this marriage was:

25 i. Ann Sheffield

51. **Mary Woodie** was born about 1622 in England and died on March 31, 1662 in Boston, Massachusetts.

General Notes: Boston vital records: "Mary Sheffield, the wife of Edmund Sheffield, died the 31st day of the first month, 1662."

Mary married Edmund Sheffield on June 17, 1644 in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

58. **Gysbert Corneliszn Bogaert** was born before 1640 in Schoonrewoerd, Holland, Netherlands and died after June 26, 1684 of Catskill, New York.

General Notes: Had all of the Bogart families in the United States and Canada a single common ancestor as is the case of many another Dutch pioneer, the task of compiling the record would have been a simple one and would no doubt have

been written long ago — but prior to 1675 there were TEN or more pioneers of this name who came here from Holland - a fact that came to light within recent years. They were -

* TUNIS GYSBERT BOGAERT - settled in Brooklyn, N.Y.
* CORNELIUS CORNELISZN BOGAERT - settled in Albany, N.Y.
* JAN LAURENS BOGAERT - settled in Harlem, Manhattan.
* GYSBERT CORNELISZN BOGAERT - settled in Catskill, N.Y.
(Brother of Cornelius of Albany) ETC ETC ETC.

See:
https://archive.org/stream/sevenbogertbogar00boga/sevenbogertbogar00boga_djvu.txt

Gysbert Uytden Bogaert occupied a farm at Coxsackie, New York before it was leased for six years (1675-1681) to Mathys Coenradtsen Houghtaling. Gysbert Uytden Bogaert purchased a tract of land (perhaps 460 acres) from the Indians, 26 June 1684. This covered the site of present Catskill, Greene County, New York. After his purchase he and his wife Mary Jochims conveyed the property to his stepson or son-in-law, Helmer Janse.

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Mary Jochems appears in court records of Albany, NY as wife of Gysbert Bogart 1681-1685.

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Talcott gives no sources and no documentation for the said "widow of Jan Jochems (Kalders)"

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The correct placement appears to be that Aertijen Bastians marr. Gijsbert Theunisz Bogaert who died between 10 and 26 Dec. 1646, a notarial document from these dates says he is deceased. (The Bogart Family by John A. Bogart) Gysbert Cornelisz' father Cornelis Theunis had two brothers Lauren Theunis and Gysbert Theunis (not researched by me)

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"Mary Jochim/Jochims" appears in court records and wife of Gysbert Uytenbogert in Albany between 1681 and last record of 5 May 1685 as defendant against Jan Jacobse van Noordstrant "the defendant, being pregnant did not appear" (Minutes of the court of Albany,Rensselaer and Schenectady 1680-1685 p. 529)

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6 Feb. 1682/3
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Father in law meaning step-father at that time.

All those deed recordings are from :Collected works of Hemphrey Davy, discourses, supreme court case of Abraham von Godern plaintiff in error against James Jackson ex. Dem. James Bogardus and other defendants in error" p. 441-460.

The court of Albany decided on a land claim, going back to Bogart in 1684.

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All this does not refer to; or document in any way that "Mary Jochems" was first wife of Jan Jochems Caljer (who appears to be fictional.)

It proves only that Gysbert married at unknown time but by 1680 a woman named "Mary Jochems" who had one son likely from father named "Jan" Unknown

Although John A. Bogart, Sebastian Talcot and numerous other publications claim that Mary Jochems and Helmer Jans were "Kalder etc." there is no documentation for that additional surname and can simply not be created or assumed.

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There is no death date, will or estate administration for Gysbert Bogaert. It is most likely that the Census of Brooklyn in 1698 for "Gysbert Bogaert: 1 man, 2 women, 5 children and 1 slave" is for Gysbert Teunisz Bogaert born 1668 only son of Teunis Gysbert Bogaert and Sara Rapelje.

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Lourens Decker b. 2 Feb “op de flakte Loonenburgh” bpt there 9 Mar 1712 (Athens Zion Lutheran Church).

A Dorothea Janse and Jan Cornelise Van der Hoeven resided Kinderhook, New York. He was the son of Cornelis Van der Hoeven and his wife Gertruy. They removed in 1696 from Kinderhook to Bergen County, New Jersey. Was there a Joralemon and Bogart connection? Dorothea named a son Gysbert. Was this for Gysbert Bogart? Jan and Dorothea had the following children:

Cornelis bpt 16 Sept 1683 (named for the paternal grandfather) is perhaps the “Cornelis Van der Hoef, young man, born Albany, marriage banns registered 18 Oct 1712 (Hackensack) Elizabeth Ackermans, young dame,
born Hackensack, both living Hackensack.”

Johannes bpt 9 May 1686 (named for the maternal grandfather).
Geertruy bpt 29 Mar 1688 is perhaps the "Geertruy Van der Hoef, young dame, born Albany, marriage banns registerd 7 Nov 1713 (Hackensack) Pieter Rettan, young man, born Esopus, both living at New Barbados."
Gysbert bpt 20 Jan 1692.
Isaac bpt 9 Dec 1694.
Jacob.

Lastly, the relationship of Gysbert Uytden Bogaert and wife Mary Jochims to Helmer Janse has not been determined by me. In one land petition Helmer Janse refers to Gysbert Uytden Bogaert as father in law and in another stepfather. If Helmer Janse of these land petitions and Helmer Janse Joralemon are one and the same it is doubtful that Mary Jochims was the mother of Helmer since Jacobus Joralemon and Jan Joralemon of Bergen and Hackensack, New Jersey area were believed to be brothers of Helmer and neither named a known daughter Mary unless they had different mothers. Was Helmer's wife thus related to Gysbert Uytden Bogaert and Mary Jochims? Perhaps Mary Jochims, but it would not appear that she was related to Gysbert or she would have or should have carried a name other than Lucasz or Laurents.

POSSIBLE FATHERS OF MARY JOCHEMS (c.1645-1692): Guys named Joachem

Jochem Collier of New Amsterdam (c.1620-bef.1660). Wf. Madalena, ch. Jacobus, Hans, Michel, Juriaan. b. 1644-1650s. Son Michel moved to Coxackie, NY. Juriaan moved to Kinderhook.

Mary married Gysbert Corneliszn Bogaert before 1681.

60. **Jan Janssen Van Osterhout** was born about 1630 in Oosterhout, Brabant, Netherlands and died about 1696 in Kingston, New York.

General Notes: Marriage record:

1663 18 Feb; Jan Jansen, of Oosterhout, Brabant, wid Annetje Hendricks; Annetjen Jelles, jd, of Bommel, Gelderland, both liv Kingston.

http://ancestralcurios.com/cgi-bin/VitalSearch.pl?stextosterhout&stypeexact

Baptisms of Dutch Reformed Church of Kingston, New York:

1663 Nov 07; Jan Jansen van Oosterwout, Anntje Jellis; Lysbet; Femmetje Hendrick van Meppele
1665 Sep 20; Jan Jansen van Oosterwout, Annetje Jeles; Catelyn; Cornelis Cornelisse, Annetje Cornelis
1666 Nov 05; Jan Jansen van Oosterhout, Annetjen Jellis; Jan; Cornelis Cornelisse Vernoey, Annetjen Cornelis

1668 Oct 15; Jan Jansen Van Oosterhout, Annetie Gielis; Teunes;
1674 Jul 21; Jan Jansen Van Oosterhoudt, Annetie; Katelyn; Maryken Joosten
1679 Aug 31; Jan Jansse Van Oosterhout, Annetie Gilles; Kryn; Jan Mattysse, Maddeleen Blanjan
1681 Aug 28; Jan Jansen van Osterhout, Annetyen Jellis; Gisbert; Elsyen Breeste

His wife's last name may have been "Gillis."

From Findagrave:

A careful following of Jan's land purchases and sales shows that he lived in the area known as the Brabant, north of the stockade district of Kingston some 4-5 miles, where the Saw Kill meets the Esopus Creek. (Thanks to Chris Brooks for finding the Burhans deed/map that identified this exact location.) Jan patented this land originally with Jan Burhans and Cornelis Vernooy, but they eventually split the property. The latest deed I have for Jan shows he was in this place in 1693, only a few years before his supposed death in 1696. There is mention of a will and the splitting of Jan's property at Brabant (not Saugerties) between his nine living children in a land sale from Teunis to Pieter in 1708. But the will must not have been proved/recorded, as it is not found in the county records. Jan's son Pieter bought the inherited land back from siblings Teunis and Catelyn (and possibly Jan Jr.), and continued to live there after Jan's death.

I have not yet found evidence for exactly when Jan and Annetje died. They both appear and are clearly identified in the records of the Old Dutch Church in Kingston up until late 1693. Jan's son Jan appears in the records in June of 1694 and February of 1696, with "junior" written after his name. After that point, there is no mention of Jan Sr., and Jan Jr appears without the "junior" added... possibly corroborating that Jan Sr. died sometime in 1696. Annetje appears in the records, usually with her maiden name of Gilles/Jillis/etc. identified, up until July of 1697. So the guess of 1697 for her seems close as well. But I have not yet seen anything definitive.

The Chase Burial Ground in Sawkill stands on the Oosterhout/Burhans property, but identified gravestones are all from the late 1700's and 1800's. There is no record of Jan and Annetje's burial at the Old Dutch Church in Kingston, but none of records of the burials here before 1710 have been found. Since there is a family cemetery on their property at Brabant, it is possible they were buried in that place. The Oosterhouts, Burhans, and Myers families owned land there for several generations, and some intermarried. However, the Old Dutch Church master records for the earlier Oosterhouts buried here match Jan's sons Pieter and Jan Jr., along with their wives, and it appears that they are buried on the church grounds. Pieter and Jan Jr. both lived the closest to their parents in their later years. Therefore, it is likely that Jan Sr. and Annetje are buried here also! Since the earliest burials at the Old Dutch Church are not available, we cannot know for sure, but I feel this is the likeliest place. The location would be around

the SW corner of the church property, where the earlier stone church stood from 1679-1852.

Jan married Annetjen Jelles on February 18, 1663 in Kingston, New York.

The child from this marriage was:

30 i. Gysbert Oosterhout

61. **Annetjen Jelles** was born about 1635 in Bommel, Gelderland, Netherlands and died after July 1697 in Kingston, New York.

Annetjen married Jan Janssen Van Osterhout on February 18, 1663 in Kingston, New York.

62. **Henderik Cornelissen Bogaart** was born about 1655 in Hypick, Vianen, Netherlands and died before May 9, 1716 in Coxackie, New York.

General Notes: 1679 Hendrick Cornelisse van den Bogaert, j.m, of Hypick, in the District of Vianen, and resid. in Kingston, and Jannetie Martens, j.d., resid. at the Klaverrack. "They were given a Certificate to Albany." First publication of Banns, 16 Nov.

KINGSTON BAPTISMS:
1684 Jun 09; Henric Bogaard, Jannetie Martenz; Mayke; Claas Teunisz, Gieltie Gerritz
1692 Nov 06; Henderik Cornelisen Bogaart, Jannetje Martensen; Sara; Cornelis Martensen, Marritje Martensen
1694 Jun 10; Gerrit Lammertsen, Antje Hooghlant; Breechje; Hendrik Bogaart, Jannetje Martensen
1695 Jun 09; Hendrik Bogaart, Jannetje Martensen; Neeltje; Jacob la Maitre, Cornelia Vredenborgh
1697 Apr 04; Hendrick Bogart, Jannetje Martens; Rebecca; Joris Middag, Cornelia Martens
1697 Sep 26; Joris Middag, Marritje Martens; Batha; Hendrick Bogard, Cornelia Martens
1698 May 15; Warrenaer Hoornbeeck, Grietje Tyssen; Evert; Cornelis Bogard, Eva Swartwoud
1699 May 18; Jacobus la Maeter, Geertje Martissen; Jacobus; Jacob Martissen, Jannetje Bogards (2nd Bog.)
1700 Aug 11; Jacob Ysselsteen, Cathalyntje van Deusen; Marten; Hendrick Bogard, Jannetje Bogard
1701 May 04; Hendrick Bogard, Jannetje Martins; Rachel; Jacob Martinse, Cathalyntje Martinsen
1702 Jun 07; Joris Middag, Marritje Martens; Marten; Jacobus la Maeter, Jannetje Bogard

1703 Dec 24; Jacobus la Maeter, Geertje Martins; Bata; Hendrick Bogard, Rutge Bogard
1703 Mar 07; Jan Post, Cornelia Martinsen; Antje; Cornelis Bogard, Antje Post
1704 Apr 09; Cornelis Tack, Barbar Adamsen; Sara; Thomas Jansse van Steeberg, Mayke Bogard
1704 Jan 09; Thomas Janssen, Mayke Bogard; Jannetje; Hendrick Bogard, Rutje Bogard
1704 Jan 30; Joris Middag, Marritje Martins; Jacob; Cornelis Bogard, Aaltje Bogard
1706 Aug 11; Cornelis Bogaart, Cornelia de la Metre; Catharina; Hendrik Bogaart, Rutge Waldrum
1706 Aug 11; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marytie Bogaart; Annetie; Jan Oosterhout, Antie Ploeg
1706 Sep 22; Cornelis Bogaart, Eva Hoornbeek; Jacob; Adam Swart, Pieternella File
1707 Apr 09; Thomas Janse, Mayke Bogaart; Johannes; Mattys Janse, Rachel Popinga
1707 Mar 10; Hendrik Buys, Willemtie Oostrum; Arye; Johannes van Kleek, Helena van den Bogaert
1707 Nov 02; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marretie Bogaart; Marretie; Cornelis Swits, Jannetie de Wit
1708 Jun 20; Jan Middag, Geertje Klaarwaater; Aart; Martje Bogart, Aaltje Bogart**********
1708 Jun 20; Pieter Viele, Anna van den Bogart; Meindert; Philippus Viele, Helena van den Bogart
1709 Sep 11; Cornelis Bogaart, Eva Hoorenbeek; Johannes; Johannes Hoornbeek, Marritje Boogaart*******
1709 Sep 11; Gysbert Oosterhouwt, Marytje Bogaart; Rebekka; Laurrens Oosterhouwt, Rebeca Rosa
1709 Sep 11; Joris Middag, Maritje Hysteltyn; Sarah; Abraham de Lameetere jr, Sarah Bogart
1710 May 07; Jan Dekker, Tysje Bogaart; Gysbert; Laurent Dekker, Geertruy Tietsoort
1711 Dec 09; Jan Post, Cornelia Eyselsteyn; Marthen; Joris Middag, Aaltjen Bogaart
1711 Feb 11; Gysbert Oosterhoud, Marretjen Bogaard; Lysebeth; Bruyn Bresjer, Lysebeth Oosterhoud
1711 Jan 21; Thomas Jansz, Mayken Bogaard; Magdalena; Jan Kloek, Catryntjen Kloek
1711 Jun 24; Ysaak Van Deusen, Bata Yselsteyn; Lena; Thomas Jansz, Mayke Bogaard
1711 May 13; Joris Middag, Marretjen Martens; Joris; Marthen Bogaard, Tanneke Lametere
1712 Mar 09; Gysbert Oosterhout, Marretjen Bogaart; Ariaantjen; 'TJerk Mathyssz, Ariaantjen Oosterhout
1715 Apr 17; Gysbert Oosterhoud, Marretjen Bogaard; Jan; Jan Oosterhoud jr, Tryntjen Oosterhoud

1715 Oct 16; Ariaan Nieuwkerk, Aaltjen Boogaard; Zara; Hendrik Bogaard, Rutjen Bogaard

KINGSTON MARRIAGES
1679 ?? ???; Hendrick Cornelisse Van Den Bogaert, jm, of Hypick, Vianen, liv Kingston; Jannetie Martens, jd, liv Claverack.
1696 16 Jul; Cornelis Bogard, jm, of Coxsackie; Evaatje Hoornbeeck, born Hurley, liv Wawarsing.
1702 22 Nov; Thomas Janssen, jm, of Kingston; Mayke Bogard, jd, of Marbletown.
1704 27 May; Cornelis Bogard, jm, born Marbletown; Cornelia Dela Mettre, jd, born New Harlem, both liv Marbletown.
1706 20 Oct; Meyndert Bogaart, jm, born Albany; Neeltie Palmetier, jd, born Bushwick, L.I., both liv Poughkeepsie. (b) (THIS IS ANOTHER LINE)
1711 19 Jan; Abraham De Lameetere, jm; Sara Bogaart, jd, both liv Marbletown.
1711 27 Apr; Adriaan Nieuwkerk, jm, liv Kingston; Aaltjen Bogaard, jd, liv Marbletown.
1713 07 May; Marthen Bogaard, jm; Tanneken De Lameeter, jd, both liv Marbletown.
1716 22 May; Jacobus Van Den Bogaard, jm, born Albany; Margrita De Mon, jd, born Kingstown.
1717 25 Feb; Abel Westvaal, jm; Antjen Bogaart, jd, both liv Minisink. 1725 26 Nov; Ysaak Yselsteyn, jm, born Kingstown, liv Claverack; Rachel Bogaard, jd, liv Marbletown.

HENDERICK'S CHILDREN:

Cornelis bpt 3 Sep 1682 son of Hendric Cornelisz and Jannetie Martead wit. Gerrit Cornelisz & Maartie Hansz (p 16)

Mayke bpt 9 Jun 1684 dtr of Henric Bogaard and Jannetie Martenz wit Claas Teunisz & Gieltie Gerritz (p. 22)

Marten bpt 3 Oct 1686 son of Gerrit Boogaard and Jannetie Martenz wit. Jan Middag and Geertie Martenz. (p. 27) "Gerrit" looks like a clerical error.

Altje bpt 26 Feb 1688, child of Henderick Cornelissen and Jantje Martensen wit. Cornelis Cole & Jantje Lambers (p. 30)

Sara bpt 6 Nov 1692, dtr Henderik Cornelisen Bogaart & Jannetje Martensen. Wit. Cornelis Martensen,, Jarritje Martensen. (p. 38)

Neeltje, bpt 9 June 1694, of Hendrik Bogaart and jannetje Martensen. Wit. Jacob la Maitre, Cornelia Vredenborgh (p. 45)

Rebecca, bpt. 4 Apr 1697, dtr of Hendrick Bogart and Jannetje Martens. Wit. Joris Middag and Cornelia Martens (p. 49)

Rachel bpt 4 May 1701, dtr of Hendrick Bogard and Jannetje Martins. Wit. Jacob Martinse, Cathalyntje Martinsen.(p. 62)

Henderik married Jannetje Martens in November 1679 in Albany, New York.

The child from this marriage was:

31 i. Marytje Bogaart

63. **Jannetje Martens**, daughter of Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn and Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt, was born about 1657 in Schenectady, New Netherlands and died about 1703 in Marbletown, New York.

Jannetje married Henderik Cornelissen Bogaart in November 1679 in Albany, New York.

Seventh Generation (4th Great-Grandparents)

126. **Marten Cornelissen Van Ysselsteyn** was born about 1630 in Ysselsteyn, Utrecht, Netherlands and died before January 23, 1704 in Claverack, New York.

(Duplicate. See Person 16)

127. **Maeycke Cornelisse Van Zarrevelt** was born about 1635 in Zarrevelt, Netherlands and died about 1699 in Claverack, New York.

Asselstine Bibliography

For Further Reading on the ancestry of Maria Aseltine/Asselstyne Billings, the following published genealogies are essential:

Coenradt Esselstyne (Asselstine): ancestry and descendants of Conrad Esseltine, some allied families and other Asseltynes by Inez Fowler Johnson.

The Seven Bogert-Bogart Families in Canada Whose Ancestors Were Among The Early Dutch Settlers of New Netherland written and compiled by John A. Bogart.

New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial: A Record of the Achievements of Her People in the Making of Commonwealths and the Founding of a Nation, Volume 2 by William Richard Cutter.

Van Deursen Family by Captain Albert Harrison Van Deursen.

Interestingly, descent from Maria Asselstine Billings makes one a cousin to President Martin Van Buren as well as the Roosevelts, both through the Van Deursen/Van Deusen family.

The Origin of the Erroneous "Maria Dutcher" Theory

Almost two decades ago, I let an erroneous theory make its way on to the internet and now it's everywhere.

I'm talking about the belief that "Maria Dutcher" was the wife of Enoch Billings of Swanton, Vt. and Sabrevois, Que., Canada. It is absolutely not true, and I know because I came up with it.

Back around 2002, I was poking around on Familysearch.org and found a mysterious IGI record that stated Nellie Billings Greene of St. Albans Vt. (1791-1872) was the daughter of "Enoch Billings and Mary Dutcher."

Most seasoned genealogists know now that the IGI is unreliable--just a mishmash of random theories with no proof needed. Back then, Familysearch didn't have a ton of records, so we took what we could get.

At the time, I thought that some genealogist had found a cross-marriage with the Christopher Dutcher family--that Maria, wife of Enoch Billings, brother of Nellie Greene, was an undocumented daughter of Christopher Dutcher (1757-1814) of St. Albans. His son, Daniel, married Enoch's other sister, Nancy, so it seemed to make sense. There seemed to be a gap in the births of the Dutcher children that Maria fit nicely into, and being a beginner, that was enough for me.

"Maria Dutcher" was still my operating thesis when Mike More asked me back in 2007 to share some of my research on the Enoch Billings family so that he could put it up on his wonderful Billings website http://www.ogsottawa.on.ca/billings/ If you look at his cites you can see my name -- Jason Farrell -- all over them. From the OGS website, this theory exploded across the internet and is now canon among Enoch Billings descendants.

But it wasn't long after I realized something: that old genealogist who came up with "Enoch Billings and Mary Dutcher" had simply found the name of one of Nellie Greene's children-- Mary Dutcher Greene-- and took that to mean the child was named after a hypothetical Dutcher grandmother. This researcher evidently never knew that Nellie's parents were Enoch Billings Sr. and Nancy Ware, and had probably never heard of Maria, wife of Enoch Jr. at all. It was just made up based on a child's name. But Mary Dutcher Greene was named for Mary Dutcher, a first cousin who had died months earlier.

Over the subsequent decade of grinding away on research and finding every scrap of information on Enoch Billings I could, I realized there is absolutely no evidence Maria was a Dutcher. I have looked in town records of Swanton, Saint Albans and Alburgh, Vermont and church records across a dozen or more

parishes in The Eastern Townships of Quebec and have never found any documentation of their marriage.

More recently, I located a hand-written genealogy of the Dutcher clan written by Luther Loomis Dutcher (1802-1878), nephew of Enoch Billings Jr. and son of Nancy Billings Dutcher (1782-1863). He wrote a full list of the children of Christopher Dutcher and Rosannah Holcomb and guess what--there is no Maria Dutcher. Luther wasn't just some genealogist making assumptions--these were his actual aunts and uncles that he knew personally. This was the final blow to the “Maria Dutcher” theory.

Maria Billings, wife of Enoch, was emphatically not a Dutcher: she was definitely from the Asselstine family of Claverack, New York. This was my mistake and I hope it can finally be put to rest.

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Phyllis Kalnins (Joseph Alcide Louis Billings genealogist)
Sarah Koske (George J. Billings genealogist)

Genealogists noted below are the primary researchers for the Protestant lines. All information and photographs from these lines are attributed to them:

Juleen W. Reed (Timothy Billings genealogist)
Snicker1111 (Ancestry.com, Timothy Billings genealogist)
William Scott Billings (Abram Justin Billings genealogist)
James Jewett (Maria Billings McTaggart genealogist)
Fred & Betty Knecht (Maria Billings McTaggart genealogists)
Dave McQueen (Maria Billings McTaggart genealogist)
Judy Hoggatt (Heman Allen Billings genealogist)
Ramona Cox (Lewis Billings, genealogist)

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Familysearch.org (Church of Jesus Chris of Latter-Day Saints)

Mike More, Ontario Genealogical Society
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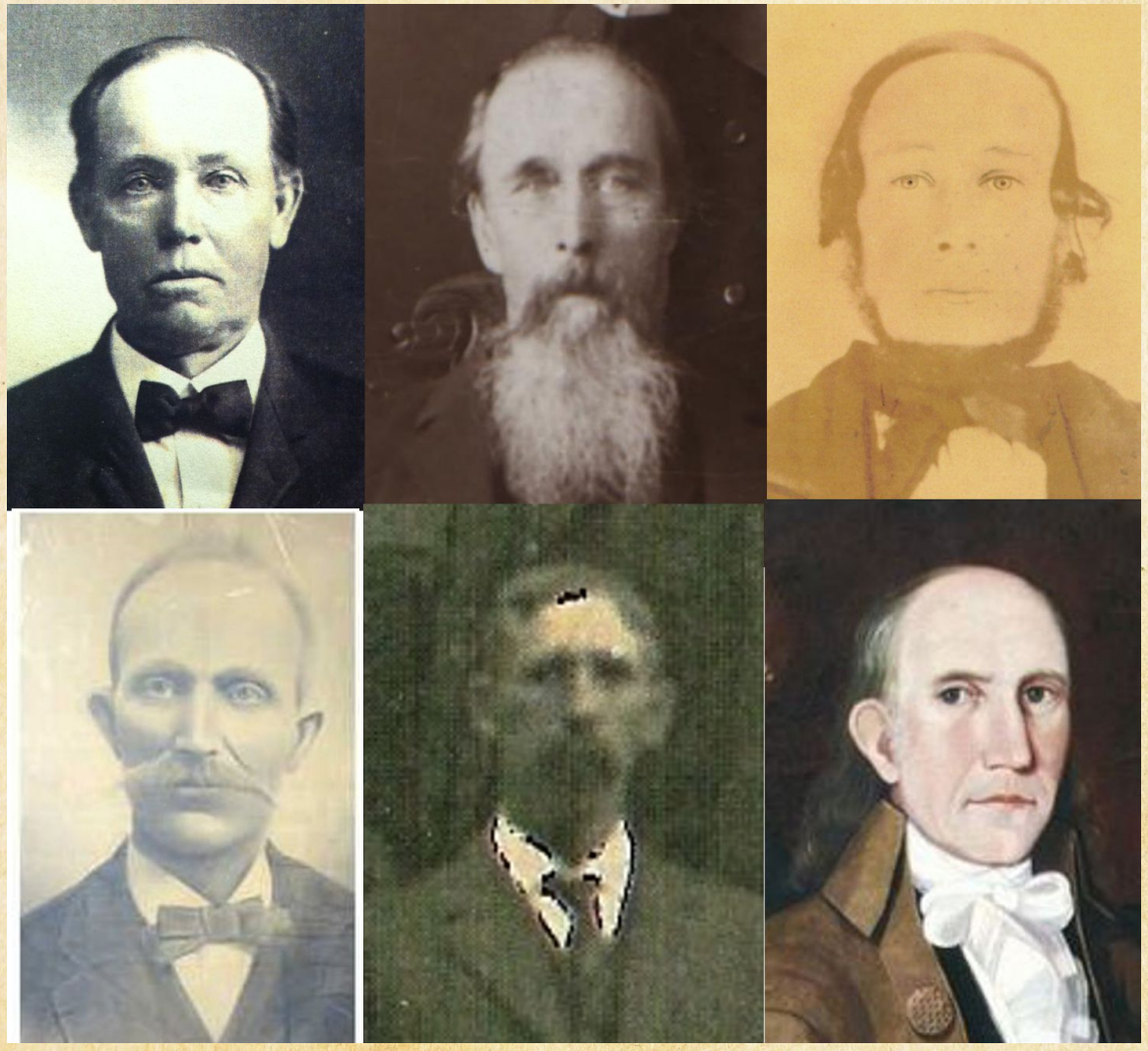
Vermont vital records via Ancestry.com
Great resource on Protestant parish registers of the Eastern Townships:
http://missisquoigenealogy2.blogspot.com/

Random: Check this out. I've always found it fascinating how much the Billings men resemble each other, even across multiple generations.



Top row left to right are Lewis Billings (1846-1933), his cousin Henry Billings (1838-1908), and Henry's father John Billings (1806-1867). Bottom row from left are Lewis Billings (1825-1905), youngest brother of John, Abraham J. Billings (1857-1918), nephew of Lewis and John, and Andrew Billings (1743-1808) a fourth cousin of Enoch Billings Sr. Andrew is a descendant of William Billings (1631-1713), brother of Roger Billings (1620-1683), from whom the rest of these men descend. Despite the distance, he has the same long face, high, round forehead and partially receded hairline, and long, straight nose.

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One last thing. There are some great photo enhancers out there now, so I used Heritage's version to clarify the two photos of Maria Billings. Here you go.